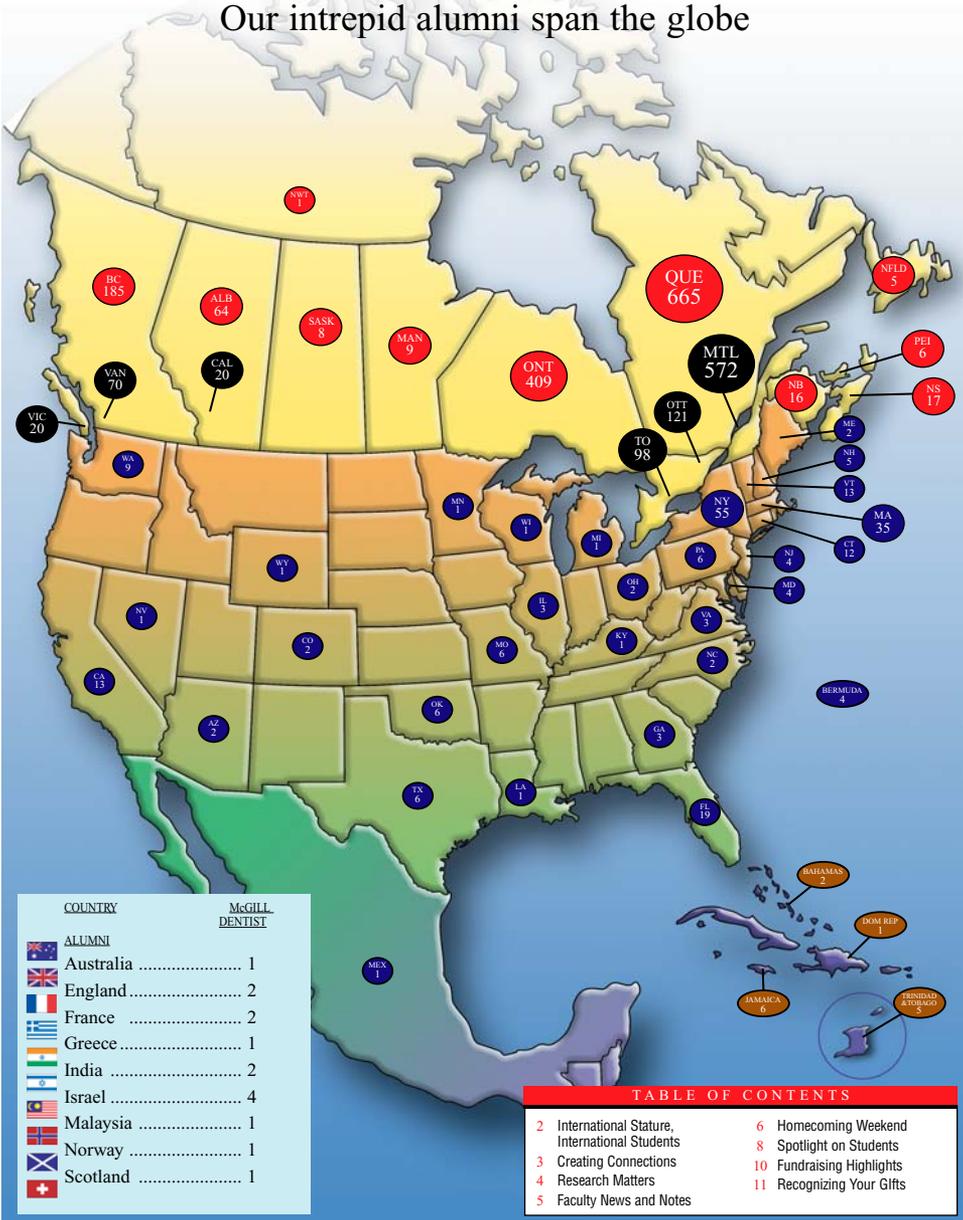


# FACULTY OF DENTISTRY

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## Where's Dr. Waldo?

Our intrepid alumni span the globe



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### Why McGill?

McGILL IS UNIQUE. The university combines an international reputation for overall excellence with particularly notable programs – including dentistry – that routinely attract students from around the world. In the eight years Gallup has posed the question, McGill has also ranked tops with Canadians in a nationwide poll.

McGill offers students unbeatable extras to their top-notch education: a rich cultural diversity and high standard of living in a vibrant, cosmopolitan city. Half the student body has a mother tongue other than English or French. Strongly qualified students meet their academic peers: McGill students routinely score up national awards. Its graduates attain prominence: 115 students are Rhodes scholars, the most of any university in Canada.

As befits an illustrious program that dates from the 1920s, dentistry at McGill does not rest on its laurels. The curriculum was recently improved by reducing class size, emphasizing general health care, and



incorporating the latest developments in dental education.

The university's quality programs result in degrees that are recognized the world over. Graduates are accepted to top graduate schools and begin strong careers from their McGill base. Invaluable aid is provided by faculty who do pioneering work, produce illustrious research papers, and garner more research dollars per capita than any other Canadian university. Students benefit from connections provided by faculty linked to 73 international research centres, as well as Canada's research centres of excellence.

It's no surprise that nearly one-sixth of the 166,000 McGill alumni live and work in 155 countries outside North America, or that applications from international students number about 4,500 each year. International students make up close to 20 percent of this past year's incoming class, and represent nearly one-quarter of graduate students.

The only surprise is often for students in their first year, when successful applicants realize just how lucky they are to have been accepted.

### McGill Dentistry = SUCCESS

It's Not a Secret Formula

#### Grads prevail anywhere thanks to rigorous grounding in the basics

Every dentistry graduate emphasizes a different aspect of how his or her McGill education led to success.

Though he earned his diploma 25 years ago, Dr. David Lipnowski says "though nothing is the same because of a gradual change in materials, equipment and instruments, everything I do is based on what I learned at McGill. I never said, 'I don't like this method!'"

McGill methods are justified at every step by solid research and reasoning, adds the Ottawa dentist, and the one way students are taught to perform each operation ensures a good result for patients in the chair. "They teach quality over quantity," says Lipnowski. "You learn to do your first procedure really well, spending a disproportionate amount of time doing it, with the philosophy that the second time, it will go faster."

Dr. Peter Coakley of Massachusetts prides the communication skills that allowed him to present treatments clearly to patients. "My practice was very successful right away," says the 1973 graduate. "No one knows anything when you start, not even how to hold an instrument. A lot of my success had to do with McGill. When I graduated I could do good dentistry."

When growing up in Lunenburg, Massachusetts, Dr. Michael Cronin's father – a McGill grad himself – told his son in no uncertain terms that he would also be studying there.

"He knew that, compared to other schools, including Tufts and Georgetown, my education would be superior. And he was right. The school expects more."

Dr. Cronin credits the diagnostic ability he learned at McGill. "We were taught to look at the big picture. The first time you see the patient, you work out in your mind logically what needs to be done. We were very well prepared."

"McGill guys stand out when they come in contact with graduates from other universities," proclaims Dr. Robin Jackson, a native Montrealer who established himself as the first orthodontist in the now-thriving Vancouver suburb of Richmond in 1970.

"I was impressed by the closeness of the people at the school, including faculty and support staff. I viewed it as a family, almost."

When Duncan Moran returned to Bermuda with his McGill degree in dentistry 28 years ago, he felt ready for just about anything.

"When I started, in comparison to others, it was like I'd had five years in practice," he says. "There was no problem dealing with day-to-day procedures. Anything a patient could throw at me, I could do something about... We were also well trained to keep on learning."

"I'm just glad I didn't go anywhere else. I got a damn good education."

and will be one of the first recipients of a Canada Research Chair funded by the Federal budget.

"It's a fairly new field," says Dr. Bennett of pain research, especially chronic pain. "The drugs we use to treat acute moderate to severe pain are extraordinarily effective, but difficult to use over long periods of time because they are opiates."

"For the first time, these past six or seven years, many new drugs have been

### International Stature, International Students

#### Broad cultural mix and small class size enhance McGill's sterling

When Jennifer Charbonneau walks into class, it's like stepping into the United Nations. Fellow dentistry students hail from the Middle East, Asia, Europe and the Caribbean, as well as from across Canada and the United States.

"Coming from Newmarket, Ontario, I'd never been exposed to this before," said the second-year student. "It's really nice."

Encouraging applications from elsewhere makes sense on many levels to Faculty of Dentistry Dean James Lund. "We want to make sure we have the best qualified students possible," he says. The result is a cultural mix unrivalled by any other school in Canada. Lund adds, and a widespread group of graduates "whose McGill training helps their own communities, and who act as ambassadors for the university."

This year, more than half the students accepted by the faculty live outside Quebec.

Students are attracted not only by McGill's longstanding reputation as one of the world's best dental schools. They are drawn by low tuition and a revamped curriculum that features a strong integration with general health care, the latest trends in dentistry, and classes of no more than 30 students.

"All the professors

know you and know what kind of work you do – it's a warm feeling," says Demetrios Petropoulos, who applied to McGill because he says the teaching, facilities and reputation are better than dental schools in his native Greece. "You have just one demonstrator for every four of five students, and that's just not possible where I come from."

"I enjoyed the people, they were very friendly," says Dr. Newton Gordon, who came from Jamaica to study in the 1970s and is now professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery at the University of California, San Francisco. "Staff support you all the way through your education. You don't get lost as you would in large institutions in the United States."

Many become so enamoured of the city itself that they continue to return, years later, to enjoy Montreal's bilingual nature and cosmopolitan attractions.

"I didn't even apply to Harvard," says Dr. Peter Coakley, a Boston-area student who graduated 25 years ago. "I wanted a different experience." He was not disappointed. "The city is so beautiful. I go back every year because I'm in love with it."

Having free street entertainment, like the popular Jazz Festival, a short stroll from campus is a bonus for Mark Martin, who interrupted his plastic surgery medical residency at McGill to earn a dentistry doctorate. It is McGill's well-developed dental cleft palate program, however, that drew him.

"Taking dentistry here will improve my understanding of orthodontic medicine," says the Winnipeg-born student, "and patients will get better treatment because of that. It will improve cooperation within the team of specialists that treat cleft palate patients."

"Applicants are often second generation" says Vancouver resident Michelle Lee. "It's a family tradition. My father (Kenneth K.S. Lee, DDS'66) came to McGill from Indonesia – he didn't speak English or French and he struggled quite a bit. But he thought it was a good school and he had a really good time."

Students appreciate Montreal's low cost of living. "It's way cheaper to study here than in Ontario," says Charbonneau, who cited low fees as her primary reason for choosing McGill. Now class president, she is equally impressed with the quality of fellow classmates. Dr. Gordon is trying to convince his sons to attend McGill partly

"because it would cost less than California."

Dr. David Lipnowski, a Montrealer now practicing in Ottawa, explains his choice of university this way: "When you grow up in Vancouver, you ski Whistler. When you grow up in McGill's backyard, if you can get in, you've got to go."

"I didn't shop for schools," says Dr. Robin Jackson, another ex-Montrealer now living in Vancouver. "It was home, it was close, and that's where I went. I lucked out."

**'All the professors know you and know what kind of work you do – it's a warm feeling'**

### Research Knows No Boundaries

#### U.S. pain expert appointed research chair

Montreal has a deserved reputation as having the world's greatest concentration of talented clinicians and scientists examining pain. That reputation has enticed Dr. Gary Bennett from MCP Hahnemann University to become Director of Clinical Research of McGill's Pain Clinic.

As of April 1, Bennett will be installed as Associate Professor, a joint appointment shared between Dentistry and Anaesthesia,

found that are effective in treating some chronic pain. Scientific research into pain is one of the busiest and most productive areas of neurological research right now."

Dr. Bennett, whose own research has been evenly divided between animals and people, is looking forward to "taking my research from the bench to the bedside." The McGill University Pain Clinic, which relies mainly on a dozen part-time staff and a half-dozen consulting specialists, is

anticipating Dr. Bennett's leadership in extending its work and expanding its staff. Last year, the clinic had 1,690 patient visits; this year's budget is nearly \$290,000.

Dr. Bennett is currently Director of Pain Research and Quantitative Sensory Testing and Autonomic Nervous Testing Laboratories in Philadelphia, and has been Chief of the Neuropathic Pain and Pain Measurement Section of the National Institutes of Health in Maryland.

## Message from the Dean



Since the last newsletter was published, there have been several important developments at the Faculty. Dr. Marie Dagenais took over as Associate Dean (Academic) from the late beloved Dr. Howard Katz, and has done her very best to manage the development of the curriculum. Dr. Tim Head took over as Director of the Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery from Dr. Ken Bentley, who has retired, and several new faculty members have been appointed to strengthen both teaching and research. I am particularly proud of the fact that the Faculty, in collaboration with the Department of Anaesthesia, has been able to attract Dr. Gary Bennett to McGill. Dr. Bennett is one of the world's best scientists working on pain, and just before Christmas, we found out

that he had been awarded one of the first of the new Canada Research Chairs, which will bring about \$2 million to the Faculty over ten years. McGill also honoured Dr. Marc McKee, our Associate Dean (Research and Graduate Studies) by naming him a Dawson Scholar.

As many of you know, I am not a graduate of McGill, and did not teach here before I became Dean five and a half years ago. Looking in from the outside, I had always had the impression that McGill grads were more successful than the average, and that a very large percentage of each graduating class went on to speciality training. However, once I began at McGill, I realised that my impressions were based on the local scene; I knew almost nothing about the situation outside Montreal.

Therefore, I decided to meet as many of the McGill graduates as I could by travelling to dental meetings, across Canada, and in the USA. As you know, Debbie Larocque and

Dr. Norman Miller have also been attending meetings, and organising receptions in order to meet as many of you as possible. However, we never really knew just where all our graduates were; we knew that there was a lot in Ottawa, Toronto and Vancouver, but that was all. So for this issue, we decided to produce the McGill Dentistry Mappa Mundi, which you saw on the first page. It is as accurate as we can make it, although I have heard a rumour that the accuracy of our count in Florida (19) is being contested.

You will see that there are dentists in every Province and Territory of Canada except the Yukon, who trained at McGill. We also have grads in 29 of the states of the USA, and in 15 other countries. I know that many dentists who practice in Ontario and the West are part of the Anglo Diaspora that left Quebec in the last 30 years, but many others came to McGill for training and then returned home. This tradition continues, and between 30% and 50% of the students in each of the four years of the Dentistry

program come from outside Quebec.

Nowadays, many professional schools in Canada and the USA take few students from outside their Province or State, and even at McGill, government restrictions meant that very few out-of-province students can get into Medicine. As I travelled around, I met many alumni who assumed that the same policy applied to Dentistry, and they were surprised when I told them that this was not the case. So, if any of you have children or grandchildren who would like to become dentists, or if you know other worthy candidates, please encourage them to apply to McGill, if they have the necessary qualifications. We are very proud of McGill's record of training for the international marketplace, and are making a strong effort to attract the best applicants from home and abroad.

Dr. James P. Lund  
Dean, Faculty of Dentistry



## Creating Connections

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

"We are all partners." As health professionals, we have far greater obligations

to our patients and the community as a whole than the responsibilities we carry in the treatment of our patients. Fulfilment of our commitments involves an active role in the community. Many of us teach, usually for no salary at all or for a small fraction of what we might otherwise earn; others donate time to benevolent causes like our Outreach Program; and others commit time to benefit the underprivileged in the field of dentistry or elsewhere.

Why do we do this? We do this because our lives are committed to the helping of others. In fact, we take an oath pledging this when we receive our license to practice. It is hard to limit this to our daily work. We operate in a helping mode full time. It is in our nature and is a source of pride to all of us. Many of our graduates reveal to us the enormity of their commitment to the community when we meet them at various venues in our travels. It is always inspiring to hear these many

accounts, especially at this time in our history when so many people conduct their lives so selfishly.

We stand out in sharp contrast: we are role models and we affect the lives of the people around us far more than many of us will admit. How many people can say at the end of the day that with their two hands and their knowledge, they have almost certainly benefited others? This is a great gift and perhaps one that we may sometimes ignore or not appreciate.

Our responsibilities include supporting teaching institutions that ensure the continued excellence of future generations of health professionals. At McGill's Faculty of Dentistry we are graduating professionals who make us justifiably proud.

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▲ The McGill Leacock Luncheon, Royal York Hotel, Toronto. (L to R) Stephen So, DDS '70, Gerald Filgiano, DDS '82, Jonathan Center, DDS '96, Dean Lund, Ben Balevi, DDS '87, Don Friedlander, DDS '79, Debbie Larocque, Harold Stein, DDS '71 and Minna Stein, DDS '71



▲ McGill Open House. (L to R) Peter Chauvin, DDS '88, Sheri Muraldi, DDSIV, Norman Miller, DDS '74 and Hélène Hogan, Student Admissions



◀ Alumni Reception, Abe & Louie's Restaurant, Boston. (L to R) Victor Bianchi, Bontempi Medical Corp., Barry McFarlane, National Boston Medical and Tony Mirarchi, DDS '88

# Faculty Highlights



Dentistry will be represented by one or more members on the advisory board.

Secondly, in recognition of the steady deterioration of research infrastructure within the Canadian university system, a federal initiative entitled the *Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI)* has injected approximately \$800 million (with matching funds from provincial, corporate and private sources) into upgrading university equipment and research facilities. McGill University as a whole was highly successful in the last CFI competition, and Faculty of Dentistry researchers were prominent in securing almost \$4 million for a new *Montreal Centre for Advanced Bone and Periodontal Research*. This research facility will be equipped with state-of-the-art biomedical equipment and laboratories to study afflictions such as osteoporosis and

periodontal disease. Other Dentistry researchers participated in the CFI-funded *Multicentre Pain Research Initiative* that received almost \$5 million to establish a "uniquely network of core facilities for the integrated study of pain in its multiple dimensions."

At the provincial level, the *Fonds de la Recherche en santé du Québec (FRSQ)* is operating with an increased budget of \$65 million, up from \$45 million, and the *Réseau de recherche en santé bucco-dentaire*, linking Québec's oral health investigators in a research network, is a major beneficiary of this funding agency. A second major funding organization, *Valorisation-Recherche Québec*, has been established in the province to fund innovative projects that benefit Québec society, and some of this money is also available for support staff salaries to operate the equipment and facilities funded by CFI.

Within the Faculty, there is an upbeat feeling arising from these increased funding levels and from recent successes by faculty investigators in national and provincial competitions. Faculty of Dentistry researchers remain prominent on the international scene, and are publishing in the top-ranked journals worldwide. Expect to hear more on these accomplishments in the future, as the improved research area in Québec and Canada will allow for even better experimental plans utilizing novel technologies and newly acquired, world-class instrumentation. For more details on the research programs and publications of Faculty of Dentistry researchers, please visit the "dental research" link on our Web site at <http://www.mcgill.ca/dentistry/>.



Marc D. McKee, Associate Dean

## Research Matters

by Marc D. McKee, Associate Dean (Research and Graduate Studies)

By all measures, it has been an amazing year for research. Whereas nationwide expenditures for research and development have been dismally low the past 10 years, recently a huge increase in research program funding has occurred both provincially and federally. While critics would say old levels of funding are simply being reestablished, the increases are clearly moving at a pace whose momentum bodes well for the future of scientific research in Canada – especially in biomedical and health-related fields. The overall objective of the *Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)*, previously known as the Medical Research Council (MRC) of Canada, is to reach a level of funding for research in the next few years that represents 1% of the total health care budget. This means a target of one billion dollars annually for health-related research. In addition to substantial increases in the base budgets of major granting councils this year and last, a number of important new initiatives have been implemented in the year 2000.

Firstly, the new CIHR has acquired a broader mandate to cover many health-related issues not previously funded by its predecessor. There is also a new president,

Dr. Alan Bernstein. Some old programs have been abandoned, while other more interdisciplinary and expanded programs have been created. CIHR's mission will be centered around 13 new Institutes broadly covering most fields of biomedical and health-related research. While many of us in the oral health field lobbied intensively to have our own institute dedicated solely to supporting our somewhat unique research interests, this did not occur. The massive restructuring resulted in a limited number of Institutes. Oral health researchers will now find that the mandate of the *Institute of Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis* perhaps best fits their research programs, as oral health care and dentistry are specifically mentioned in the preamble describing the mission of this institute.

"The CIHR Institute of Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis will support research to enhance active living, mobility and movement, and dental health; and to address causes, prevention, screening, diagnosis, treatment, support systems, and palliation for a wide range of conditions related to bones, joints, muscles, connective tissue, skin and teeth."

Institute directors and advisory board members are expected to be announced in January of 2001, and it is anticipated that



▲ Pacific Dental Conference, Vancouver. (L to R) Terrance Coward, DDS '73, William Guttman, DDS '73, Ian Cameron, DDS '73 and David Blair, DDS '73



▲ Alumni Reception, Pan Pacific Hotel, Vancouver. (L to R) Bruce Kennedy, DDS '74, Jim Grisdale, DDS '74, Myrna Halpeny, DDS '74 and Norman Miller, DDS '74

## Creating Connections

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These are people of integrity, great skill, and extraordinary sensitivity and commitment to the communities they serve. They are a source of great pride and satisfaction to all of us who are directly involved with McGill, and to those of us who have had the privilege of meeting them or working with them. We are constantly being asked by dentists all over North America to provide names of graduates who are looking for positions. Our reputation is clearly a very good one – particularly to those graduates of other dental schools. Our reputation extends to undergraduate applicants, as evidenced by

great interest expressed at our booth at last year's McGill Student Open House. The event, which took place on February 13, 2000, targeted primarily students at the CEGEP level. Staff and students were on hand to respond to their questions.

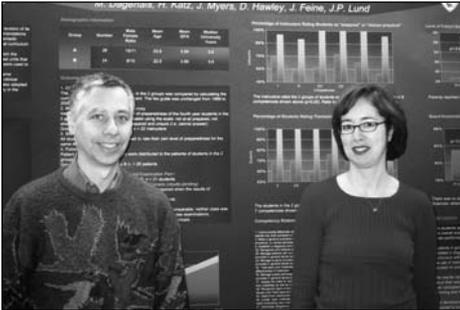
Since our last publication, we took our booth to the Yankee Dental Conference in Boston in January 2000 where we were again inundated with interest in McGill. We also held a well-attended alumni reception, generously sponsored by Bontempi Instruments Plus. In March we attended the joint Pacific Dental/CDA Conference in Vancouver and again had the privilege of hosting a reception that attracted a very large group of graduates and friends of the Faculty. In May we were present at The Ontario Dental Association Conference in Toronto, as well as Les Journées Dentaires du Québec Annual Meeting here in Montreal. We hope to meet as many of you as possible at these locations once again this year.



◀ Alumni Reception, Pan Pacific Hotel, Vancouver. (L to R) Yu-Ming Lam, DDS '72, Debbie Larocque and Mrs. Rowena Lam

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# Faculty Highlights



Jeffrey Myers, DDS '65 and Dr. Marie Dagenais

## New Curriculum makes the Grade by Marie Dagenais, DMD, Associate Dean (Academic)

Dr. Marie Dagenais and Dr. Jeffrey Myers presented a poster entitled "Integrating with Medicine: the McGill Experience" at the April 2000 meeting of the American Association of Dental Schools in Washington D.C. The poster summarized an educational project carried out by Dr. Marie Dagenais, the late Dr. Howard Katz, Dr. Jeffrey Myers, Dr. Dana Hawley, Dr. Jocelyne Feine and Dr. James P. Lund. The authors compared the performance of the last class using the old curriculum (Class of 1999) with that of the first class using the new curriculum (Class of 2000).

They used several measures of competence to compare the two classes, including the evaluation of 48 specific clinical competencies by the clinic instructors, the students' evaluation of their own level of preparedness, patients' evaluations of their satisfaction, clinical productivity, and results on the American Board examinations.

The results of this project suggest an increase in clinical productivity in the Class of 2000. The instructors rated both

classes as being equally prepared in 42 categories, but the Class of 2000 was rated significantly higher than the Class of 1999 in six categories. This difference was also reflected in the students' reports: the Class of 2000 felt more prepared than the Class of 1999 in seven categories. The patients rated the two classes equally on questions related to communication or competence but the Class of 2000 was rated higher in empathy. Both classes performed equally well on the American Board examination, except for the section Anatomical Sciences where the Class of 1999 out-performed the Class of 2000.

In the new curriculum, traditional basic sciences courses have been eliminated. Basic, applied and clinical science are taught in an integrated way, and much of the teaching is based on clinical situations. The clinic is run as a general practice, and patients are treated as people, not as a collection of clinical requirements. The presentation was very well received and stimulated a lot of interest in the dental education community.

## Creating Connections

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▲ Yankee Dental Congress, Boston. (L to R) Michael Cronin, DDS'88 and Norman Miller, DDS'74

It is always a great joy for us to see our graduates and friends. Please drop by. Your support is integral to continuing our good work and maintaining our high

standards, especially these days when funds for education and health care are in flux.

Get in touch: drmiller@qc.aibn.com.

## Outreach Program

### Canadian Dental Association Honours Outreach Program:



CDA Presentation (L to R) Dr. John Diggins, President, CDA and Michael Wiseman, DDS'85

The Faculty of Dentistry Outreach Program was named one of two recipients of the Oral Health Promotion Award, presented for the first time this year. The ceremony honoring the recipients was held on September 16, 2000 at the Westin Hotel in Ottawa. Program Director Michael Wiseman, DDS'85, accepted the award. The Oral Health Promotion Award recognizes initiatives that accomplish one or more of the following: meet the oral health needs of a growing number of older Canadians; advance prevention in special populations and high-risk groups; reduce inequalities by improving the oral health status of disadvantaged groups and communities.

### Outreach Program Update

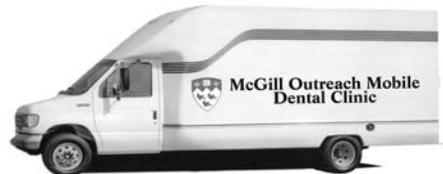
The clinic has welcomed close to 1,000 patients since the start of the program in April of 1998, with treatments varying from oral diagnosis, periodontal treatment, preventive services, restorative dentistry, to oral surgery. The clinics have been enthusiastically attended by our volunteer students, auxiliaries and dentists. We must acknowledge the aid of Skulnick Transport, which provides free transportation of our equipment; Cote St. Luc Emergency Medical Service, which helps provide evaluation of all vital systems prior to treatment. Ms. Linda Thoms and her students from Western Laval High School, who aid in equipment setup and administrative duties; and Dentsply Canada, which provides free restorative supplies. We have also expanded the administration of the program to include Judiann Stern, who will work as Coordinator of the program, on a part-time basis.

Evening clinics have been provided to the following social agencies: Sun Youth, Teen Haven, Dans La Rue, and Jewish Family Services. A daytime sealant program has been established with the cooperation of CLSC Pointe St. Charles and the DSC Montreal to provide free sealants and fluoride treatments to children in the area who, due to financial difficulties, would not normally receive these non-RAMQ insurable services.

### Become a Volunteer

The Outreach Program is in need of support from dentists in the community. Evening clinics are both socially and emotionally rewarding.

If, due to other commitments, volunteering for this program is not an option for you, then please consider assisting the program by donating funds directly to the McGill Outreach Program, or by donating such items as handpieces and hand instruments.



The Outreach Program will soon obtain a dental van. This state-of-the-art van will be equipped with two complete dental operatories. It will be used for home visits to palliative care patients and geriatric shut-ins, and will promote a more formal comprehensive dental care in the community.

CLINIC SCHEDULE 2001:

**February 21, March 28, April 19, May 16, June 6**

# Faculty News and Notes

## 2<sup>ND</sup> Annual Dean's Barbecue – ANOTHER BIG HIT!!



▲ Chris Herten-Greaven

Once again, Dean Lund and his wife Dr. Jocelyne Feine played extraordinary hosts to the Faculty's second annual barbecue, held at their home in Senneville, on August 26, 2000. It was another tremendous success, attended by students from all four years, staff and friends of the Faculty and Principal Bernard Shapiro and his wife Phyllis (who vowed to return next year!). Fine weather prevailed and food and beverages were available in abundance, with the highlight a roasted lamb prepared by the Faculty's very own Argentinian gaucho Christopher Herten-Greaven, DDS '70. Many thanks to Dr. Herten-Greaven and all those who worked so hard to make this event memorable. Let the photos speak for themselves!



▲ (L to R) Dr. Ralph Barolet (former Dean), Don Kepron, DDS '54, Bill Sanders, DDS '55



▲ (L to R) Tim Head, DDS '76, Peter Chauvin, DDS '88



(L to R) Yuzidi Turner, DDS '74, Olga Chodan, Gerry Konanec, DDS '65

## LOOKING AHEAD: A Calendar of Events

### January 25-28, 2001

Faculty Exhibit at the *Yankee Dental Congress*, Boston, Mass., at the Hynes Convention Centre. An Alumni Reception will be held on Friday, January 26 at the Marriott Copley Place Hotel, Yarmouth Room, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

### March 8-9, 2001

Continuing Education Hands-On Workshop featuring Dr. Pierre Boudrias, on "Practical Implant Restorations", at the Strathcona Anatomy and Dentistry Building, McGill University, Montreal. Jointly sponsored by Nobel Biocare.

### March 8-10, 2001

Faculty Exhibit at the *Pacific Dental Conference*, Vancouver, B.C., at the Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre. An Alumni Reception will be held on Thursday, March 8. Location and time to be confirmed at a later date.

### McGill Regional Volunteer Phonathons 2001:

March 20-21 Montreal  
 March 27-28 Toronto  
 April 10 Vancouver  
 If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Maria Keenan at 514-398-3557

### April 27, 2001

McGill *Vancouver Leacock Luncheon*  
 Further details may be obtained from Maria Keenan at McGill's Development and Alumni Relations office (514) 398-3557.

### May 11, 2001

McGill *Toronto Leacock Luncheon*  
 Further details may be obtained from Maria Keenan.

### May 28-30, 2001

Faculty exhibit at the ODO's *Les Journées Dentaires Internationales du Québec* Annual Meeting in Montreal, at the Palais des Congrès de Montréal. This

year's meeting will be held in conjunction with the American Academy of Oral Medicine (AAOM) and the European Association of Oral Medicine (EAOM).

### October 25-28, 2001

McGill University *Homecoming Reunion Weekend*. This year's Ernie Ambrose Lecture Series will feature Dr. Tim Head, DDS '76.

If you are celebrating a class anniversary in 2001, this is your opportunity to plan for your reunion activities in conjunction with McGill's own lineup of homecoming events. Be sure to get in touch with your respective class representatives for further details, or call Kathy Bowman at McGill's Development and Alumni Relations office (514) 398-3554.

### November 2, 2001

Continuing Education Hands-On Endodontic Workshop, featuring Dr. Herb Borsuk, at the Strathcona Anatomy and Dentistry Building, McGill University, Montreal.

### January 18, 2002

Continuing Education Lecture, featuring Dr. Dennis Tarnow, is planned in Montreal.

### Programs to look forward to:

Continuing Education Lecture, featuring Dr. John Molinari on "Infection Control," at the Strathcona Anatomy and Dentistry Building, McGill University, Montreal.

Continuing Education Lecture, featuring Dr. John Kanca, is planned in Montreal. Sponsored by Bisco Canada.

Continuing Education Lecture, featuring Dr. Joseph Massad, is planned in Montreal. Sponsored by Bosworth.

## The Faculty Cleans House

The Faculty recently held its first-ever **GARAGE SALE**. Major preparations went into the planning of this event, which took place in the Rotunda of the Strathcona Anatomy and Dentistry Building, on October 25, 2000. The team of Mike McHugh (Lab Coordinator), Robert Miller, DDS '79, Joanne Chouinard (Clinic Manager, McCall Dental Clinic) and Olga Chodan (Administrative Assistant, Financial Affairs) worked together to assemble instruments and equipment no longer needed by the faculty, and prepare them for sale to staff and students. On the day of the sale, the team, with

the help of Joanne's son Ryan, put in extra hours to sell off the merchandise and managed to bring in a small profit. Proceeds from the sale will be directed toward the Dr. Howard Katz Scholarship Fund.



(L to R) Yuzidi Turner, DDS '74, Olga Chodan, Gerry Konanec, DDS '65



(L to R) Customer, Joanne Chouinard and son Ryan



(right) Mike McHugh



(left) Hélène Hogan, (second from left) Jeff Miller

# Faculty News and Notes

## WE SALUTE YOU!! Staff Honours and Awards

**Congratulations are extended to the following Faculty members on their 1999-2000 honors and awards:**

### Paul Allison

William J. Gies Award for best article published in the Journal of Dental Research in 1999, American Association of Dental Research

### Antoine Chehad

Certificate of Merit  
Canadian Dental Association

### Robert J. David

Life Membership, Montreal Dental Club

### Eduardo Franco

- Distinguished Scientist Award, Medical Research Council of Canada (2000-2005)
- National Research Scholar, Fonds de la recherche en santé du Québec
- "Ambassadeur de Montréal" prize, City of Montreal
- Faculty Honour List for Educational Excellence, Faculty of Medicine, McGill University

### James P. Lund

Sarrazin Lectureship  
Canadian Physiological Society

### Martin T. Tyler

- Faculty Scholar
- Faculty of Medicine for 2000
- Chairman of the Organizing Committee, Les Journées dentaires internationales



**Stephane Schwartz**  
Distinguished Service Award,  
Canadian Dental Association

### Michael Wiseman

- Recognition for Directorship of Outreach Program:
- The Conference Board of Canada "National Partners in Education Award",
- Canadian Dental Association "Oral Health Promotion Award"
- Fellow, American College of Dentists



At Spring Convocation 2000, **Dr. Eddie Chan**, who served as Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Research in

the Faculty of Dentistry until 1999, was granted the rank of Emeritus Professor in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology. The Faculty congratulates Dr. Chan on achieving this distinction.



**Timothy Head**  
W.W. Wood Award for Excellence in Dental Education, Association of Canadian Faculties of Dentistry



**Mel Hershenfield**  
Certificate of Merit, Canadian Dental Association

## Dentistry Staff Honoured at Quarter Century Club Event



(L to R) Dr. Bernard Shapiro, Principal, Oleg Kopytov, DDS'73, Ortho'75, Dip.A.B.O.'90 and Richard Pound, Chancellor



(L to R) Dr. Bernard Shapiro, Principal, Olga Carter and Richard Pound, Chancellor

Four members of our Dentistry staff were recently honored for their 25 years' service with the University. They include Oleg Kopytov, DDS'73, Ortho'75 and Mrs. Olga Carter, Secretary. Dr. John Blomfield, DDS'74, Prosthodontics'82 and Mr. Peter Graham, Assistant Professor, were also honored but were unable to attend the event, which was held October 18, 2000 in the Sir Arthur Currie Memorial Gymnasium. Congratulations to all for their years of loyal and dedicated service.

### Dr. Oleg Kopytov:

The thrill of teaching exceptional students persists for Dr. Oleg Kopytov, who was honoured for his 25 years in the Department of Orthodontics.

"If you're here for that long, you must like imparting knowledge," he laughs. It can be satisfying to teach even those

students who don't show a particularly keen interest. "It's exciting to take someone who knows nothing, and teach them a little more, then a little more, then a little more, until they can put things together and form a correct diagnosis."

The day he graduated from McGill, Dr. Kopytov knew he would return. He began as an orthodontics teacher before becoming department head. His long career at McGill means he now knows virtually all Montreal-area English-speaking dentists, many of whom have returned to teach.

"Someone has to come back and change the world," he says, "and often for the same reasons I did. They have the will, the need, and the wish to participate in the growth and advancement of dentistry."

## Staff Appointments

**Dr. Peter Arvanitis, DDS'96**  
Faculty Lecturer

**Dr. Christophe Bedos, DMD (Univ. de Paris), PhD (Univ. de Montréal)**  
Post-doctoral Fellow

**Dr. Gary Bennett, PhD (MCP Hahnemann University, Philadelphia)**

Associate Professor Dentistry and Anesthesia, and Director of Clinical Research at the MUHC Pain Centre (effective April 2001)

**Dr. Lucie Billette, DDS'97, MSc (Prox.) (Univ. de Montréal)**  
Assistant Professor

**Dr. Patrick Champagne, DMD, Cert. of Prox. (Univ. de Montréal)**  
Faculty Lecturer

**Dr. Eric Chatelein, DMD (Univ. de Montréal)**  
Faculty Lecturer

**Dr. Chao-Chen Chen, DDS (Nat'l Taiwan Univ.), PhD (Univ. de Montréal)**  
Research Associate

**Dr. Sampa Chilesne-Manigat, DDS'93 (Howard University)**  
Faculty Lecturer

**Dr. Marie Dagenais, DMD (Univ. de Montréal)**  
Associate Dean (Academic)

**Dr. Pietro De Battista, DDS'90, MSD (Perio.) (Case Western Reserve Univ.)**  
Faculty Lecturer

**Dr. Louis deKoninck, DMD, MSc (Univ. de Montréal)**  
Faculty Lecturer

**Dr. Cindie Dubé-Baril, DMD (Univ. de Montréal)**  
Faculty Lecturer

**Dr. Timothy Head, DDS'76, MSc'80**  
Director, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

**Dr. Ira Hoffman, DDS'78**  
Faculty Lecturer

**Dr. Mari Kaartinen, PhD (Kuopio Univ., Finland)**  
Post-doctoral Fellow

**Dr. Hervé Le Moual, PhD (Univ. de Montréal)**  
Assistant Professor, Dentistry and Microbiology

**Dr. James P. Lund, BDS (Adelaide), PhD (Univ. of Western Ontario)**

Accepted an extension of his term as Dean for another 5 years

**Dr. Gerard Melki, DDS'93**  
Faculty Lecturer

**Dr. George Papanastasioulis, DMD (Univ. Laval)**  
Faculty Lecturer

**Dr. John Penrod, BSc (Penn State), B.F.A. (Stanford), PhD (Princeton)**  
Adjunct Professor

**Dr. Duong Pham, DMD (Univ. de Montréal)**  
Faculty Lecturer

**Dr. Audrey Sherman, DMD (Univ. de Montréal)**  
Faculty Lecturer

**Dr. Yoshiaki Takamashi, DDS, PhD (Tokyo Dental College)**  
Research Associate

**Dr. Hieu Tran, DDS'99**  
Faculty Lecturer

**Dr. Akito Tsuboi, DDS, PhD (Tohoku University)**  
Visiting Professor

**Dr. Kentaro Tsurayama, DDS, PhD (Nihon Univ.)**  
Post-doctoral Fellow

**Dr. Ana Miriam Velly, DDS (Univ. de Mogi das Cruzes), MSc, PhD (Univ. de Montréal)**  
Faculty Lecturer

## Staff Promotions:

### ACADEMIC:

- Dr. Marie Dagenais**, Associate Professor
- Dr. John Drummond**, Assistant Professor
- Dr. Irwin Fried**, Assistant Professor
- Dr. Gerry Konanec**, Assistant Professor
- Dr. Eli Raviv**, Associate Professor
- Dr. Don Taylor**, Assistant Professor

### NON ACADEMIC:

- Mrs. Olga Chodan**, Administrative Assistant, Budget & Finance
- Mrs. Debbie Larocque**, Senior Development and Alumni Relations Officer
- Ms. Marnie Taylor**, Administrative Coordinator

## New Staff:

- Tracy Berubé**, Dental Assistant
- Christine Domerque**, Dental Hygienist
- Nasrin Salamati**, Dental Assistant

## SPECIAL TRIBUTE

The Faculty wishes to pay special tribute to the following individuals who, in their passing, will be honored for their significant contributions to the Faculty, the University and the community:

### Dr. Howard S. Katz:

Dr. Katz has been named to the Faculty of Dentistry Hall of Honor, located in the Strathcona Anatomy and Dentistry Building.

### Dr. Mervyn A. Rogers:

The Faculty Council Room in the Strathcona Anatomy and Dentistry Building, will be renamed the Mervyn A. Rogers Council Room.

## IN MEMORIAM 1999-2000

- J. Frederick Reid, DDS'50**, at Brentwood Bay, B.C., in May 1999
- Charles B. Beamish, DDS'58**, at Norland, Ont., on December 12, 1999
- Clarence Vosberg, DDS'32**, at Montreal, Que., on August 26, 1999
- H. Graham Pettapiece, DDS'55**, at Victoria, B.C., on February 14, 2000
- Lorne F. McRae, DDS'28**, at Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Que., on April 18, 2000
- Anita C. (Mendel) Billick, DDS'39**, at Montreal, Que., on April 18, 2000
- Victor B. Griffiths, DDS'50**, at Smiths Falls, Ont., on June 7, 2000
- Austen W. Oliver, DDS'31**, at Vancouver, B.C., on June 23, 2000
- Philip C. Gampel, DDS'70**, at Montreal, Que., on September 12, 2000
- Herbert Caplan, DDS'50**, at Montreal, Que., on October 6, 2000
- Imre Blumberger, staff**, at Montreal, Que., on December 1, 2000
- Janet Griffin-Merth, DDS'72**, at Vancouver, B.C., on December 2, 2000

# Faculty News and Notes



(L to R) Newton Gordon, DDS'70, Myron Stein, DDS'80 and Stephen So, DDS'70

## Homecoming Weekend October 19-22, 2000

### Faculty of Dentistry Ernie Ambrose Lecture Series

Held Friday, October 20, at the Marriott Chateau Champlain Hotel. This year, the Faculty featured Robert J. David, DDS'62 and Dr. Frederick L. Muroff, presenting "Periodontal and Restorative Procedures for Gingival Esthetics." A very special presentation was made by the Homecoming guest, Dr. Ernie Ambrose, DDS'50, himself, who provided an introductory lecture titled "50 Years Later - What Have I Learned?" The Faculty was honored to have Dr. Ambrose as guest speaker, and all those who had been taught by or had worked with Dr. Ambrose expressed heartfelt gratitude for the impact he had as teacher, colleague and friend.



(L to R) Robert David, DDS'62, Ernie Ambrose, DDS'50 and Dr. Fred Muroff



(L to R) Normand Roy, Dr. Fred Muroff and Stanley Blum, DDS'68



(L to R) Richarde Orawiec, DDS'75 and Douglas Vandahl, DDS'75



(L to R) Dr. Fred Muroff, Alex Hledin, DDS'67 and Bob Hampshire, DDS'75



(L to R) Jay McMullan, DDS'84 and Lloyd Flanagan, DDS'84



(L to R) Alvin Nirenberg, DDS'80, James P. Lund, Dean, and James Landrigan, DDS'80



Homecoming Alumni Reception, Strathcona Anatomy and Dentistry Building, Montreal



(L to R) Ernie Ambrose, DDS'50 and Stanley Blum, DDS'68

## Faculty of Dentistry Alumni Cocktail Reception

Held Saturday, October 21, at the Strathcona Anatomy and Dentistry Building, Council Room. This was a particularly special event this year, with the attendance of Dr. Ernie Ambrose who was present for the entire

reception. The Faculty is always honored to host its graduates on this occasion. This year the event was very well attended, providing a wonderful opportunity for all to reminisce in an informal and relaxed atmosphere.

## McGill's Principal's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception



McGill 25th Anniversary Reception, Faculty Club

Held Friday evening, October 20, at the University's Faculty Club. Principal Bernard Shapiro welcomed all graduates celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary class reunion. This year's event was particularly well attended by our own illustrious group of graduates and their spouses, and a great time was had by all.

## McGill's 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Leacock Luncheon



McGill Leacock Luncheon, Delta Downtown, Montreal, (front row) Christopher Winn, Robert Faith, Oleg Kopytov, Kathy Coakley and Dean Lund. (back row) Jeremy Masters, Peter Coakley and Marc McKee

Held Friday, October 20, at the Delta Centre-Ville. Dean Lund hosted a table for the Faculty's special guests, many of whom are members of the Faculty Advisory Board. Guest lecturer at this year's event was Erika Ritter, BA'68, playwright and author.

# Faculty News and Notes

## Faculty of Dentistry Class Anniversary Celebrations



Class of 1950



Class of 1955



Class of 1965



Class of 1975



Class of 1990

### MGH Dental Clinic 'Best Buy in Town'

Did you know that the Faculty's teaching clinic at the Montreal General Hospital (McCall Dental Clinic) is now touted as one of Montreal's best buys, according to Montreal Gazette columnist Sandra Phillips? Ms. Phillips produces an annual publication titled "Smart Shopping Montreal" and has regularly made reference to the discounted treatment available at the undergraduate clinic at the MGH, as well as at the Faculty's five residency programs (Montreal General Hospital, Royal Victoria Hospital, Jewish General Hospital, Montreal Children's Hospital and the Queen Elizabeth Oral Health Centre). This has afforded the Faculty an excellent opportunity to advertise the dental services available to all Montrealers – with the hope that such exposure will bring in even more business!

### 'Spreading the Word'

**1950 - Dr. Coleman Gertler** was presented with the Wisconsin Dental Association Lifetime Achievement Award. This honour recognizes an individual dentist who has given time, energy and expertise to organizations representing dentistry throughout his/her career. Coleman devoted his time and his talents to a variety of dental organizations serving the dental profession and the public. He and his wife Jane have three sons and live in Milwaukee, Wis.



**1955 - Dr. Harvey L. Levitt** balances a very busy schedule between his orthodontic practice, teaching and lecturing, and his love of music. It's his love of music that accounts for his membership in SOSEM, an organization that promotes music education in schools. His own music education began at the very early age of six with violin lessons. He has maintained his interest, together with his wife (who plays cello) and five children, all of whom are involved in music. His main focus is chamber music, having formed a string quartet some 25 years ago, which is still going strong today. As Harvey himself says: "There is no doubt that my musical education has paid dividends. It has greatly enriched my life."

**1959 - Dr. Allen Wainberg** was elected President of the Royal College of Dentists of Canada. Allen taught at the Université de Montréal in the Faculté de médecine dentaire. Allen is a former Director of the Division of Periodontology of the Faculty of Dentistry at McGill, where he remains an enthusiastic supporter of research development. He is a Fellow in the Royal College of Dentists of Canada, the International College of Dentists and the American College of Dentists.

**1966 - Dr. Andrew Toeman** was elected President-Elect of the American Academy of Dental Practice Administration, at its annual meeting held at Amelia Island, Florida, March 1-5, 2000. Andrew will be the Academy's first Canadian President in its 45-year history. Andrew currently maintains his private practice on Nun's Island, Montreal, Quebec.

**1973 - Dr. Jon D. Perlus** was recently elected President of the Ontario Dental Association. Jon is a periodontist who practices in Toronto, Ontario. He was an ODA general councillor for seven years, then a member of the Executive Council for three years. He currently lives in Willowdale, Ontario with his wife Donna and three children Miklos, Haley and Ryan. When he is not racing down the slopes of Collingwood with his family, he is an active supporter of the National Ski Academy and a member of the Alpine Ski Club.

**1978 - Dr. Euan Swan** was made a Fellow in the International College of Dentists at the Canadian Section Convocation held in Vancouver, B.C. on March 11, 2000. Euan is a public health dentist with the Canadian Forces Dental Service and is currently serving in Ottawa. He is President of the Canadian Association of Public Health Dentistry, serving a two-year term, and Chairs the Canadian Dental Association Committee on Community and Institutional Dentistry.

**1986 - Dr. Lauren DiStefano** is truly a "Volunteer for all Seasons," having dedicated a good part of her professional career to treating the less fortunate in Third World countries. Lauren may not appreciate the unauthorized accolades, but her tireless devotion to helping others should not go unnoticed. She has been part of organizations such as "Kindness in Action" based in St. Paul, Alberta (just outside Edmonton), which goes to remote regions of Guatemala and Honduras. She has been to India five times, four times at a Don Bosco orphanage in Madras, India and once to Dharamsala, working with the Tibetans in exile there. She has been to the remote islands of Kiribati (north of Fiji) in the South Pacific, treating people who never had a dentist visit their island. She is planning on spending three to four months in Central America in early 2001 working with "Kindness in Action" and also Ak'Tenamit, which services villages on the Rio Dulce river from a house boat dental clinic. In every instance, she has provided basic dental treatment for many who have had very little, if any, opportunity to receive such care. Some patients hike for days to reach her camp for treatment. Through all this, Lauren still tries to keep her feet firmly on the ground, with her private practice based in both Jasper, Alberta and Valemount, B.C.



**1988 - Dr. Mitchell A. Josephs** – dentist, inventor, talk show host, and one-time stand up comic! Mitchell is a specialist in cosmetic and reconstructive dentistry, with his practice in Palm Beach, Florida. He is also the inventor of the Strength Clench to protect the teeth and jaw, hosts a Wednesday afternoon radio program called "Tooth Talk, a Second Opinion," and was once a semi-finalist in a contest to find "New York's Funniest Dentist"! With all this, he still finds time for his family (wife Aileen, an immigration attorney, and their five-year-old son Jonathan, who is already proficient in science and music) and indulging in his own love of music (guitar, trumpet, keyboards, violin).



**1999 - Dr. Natali J. Schindler** was the recent recipient of the Certificate of Merit, awarded by the Canadian Dental Association, for her service to the Association and the profession.



Endodontics Workshop, (L to R) Michael Auerbach, DDS '74, Endo '78, Robert David, DDS '62, Emanuel Alvaro, DDS '87, Endo '88, Rossana Kozloff, DDS '97, Endo '99, Michael Silver, DDS '88, Endo, 95, Gerald Sahmer, DDS '85, Endo '88, Dr. Fred Maruff.

## BRUSHING

In November '99, a number of our endodontic staff members were given an opportunity to "brush up" on their skills and techniques, thanks to Herb Borsuk, DDS '72, Endo '74, Director of the Faculty's Endodontics Division. Dr. Borsuk organized a one-day workshop for his staff, using equipment available at the offices of Patterson in Montreal. This is a fine example of one Director's initiative to keep his division motivated and up to date.

# Spotlight on Students

## Annual Research and Table Clinics Day

February 9, 2000 at Livingston Hall Lounge, Montreal General Hospital

For the first time last year, the Faculty presented an Annual Research Day, which preceded the Annual Student Table Clinics and Poster Session. The Research segment, which began at 4:00 p.m., provided informative presentations on research developments within the Faculty. It featured Dr. Marc McKee, Associate Dean, Graduate Studies and Research; Dr. James P. Lund, Dean; Dr. Catherine Bushnell, Professor; and Dr. Jocelyne Feine, Professor. Following refreshments, undergraduate students, graduate students and residents participated in the Table Clinics and Poster Session.

### First Prize:



(L to R) Dean Lund, Dr. Louis Touzy, Matthew Yamvakas, DDSIV, Christian Legault, DDSIV and Vavi Bobbot, Dentsply representative

Incorporation of the Bone and Tooth Protein Osteopontin into Calcium Oxalate Crystals Precipitated from Human Urine." The prize was presented by Dr. Marc McKee, Associate Dean, Graduate Studies & Research.

### The Multidisciplinary Residency Table Clinic Prize:



(L to R) Dr. Louis Touzy, Patricia Skaf, DMD'99 and Lisa Sapatis, DDS'99

The CDA/Dentsply Prize was awarded to Christian Legault and Matthew Yamvakas for their presentation titled "Body Piercing: A Good Way to Crack a Smile." The prize was presented by Vavi Bobbot of Dentsply.

### Second Prize: A Tie!



Allan Lisbona, DDSIV Stacy Abrams, DDSIV



Natasha Nurali, DDSIII Christiana Lee, DDSIII

The Montreal Dental Club Prize was awarded to: Allan Lisbona and Stacy Abrams for their presentation titled "The Impact of Psychological Stress on Periodontal Health," in a tie with Natasha Nurali and Christiana Lee for their presentation titled "The Cracked Tooth Syndrome: An Approach to Diagnosis and Treatment Planning." The prize was presented by Duc-Thang Nguyen on behalf of the Montreal Dental Club.

### The Graduate Studies and Research Poster Prize:



(L to R) Dean Lund, Sarah Nguyen and Marc McKee, MSc'84, PhD'87

Awarded to Sarah Nguyen for her project on "Protein Regulation of Calcification:

Awarded to Dr. Lisa Sapatis and Dr. Patricia Skaf for their project "Guided Bone Regeneration."

### The ADA Student Research Prize:



(L to R) Dean Lund and Paul Deep, DDSIII Awarded for the first time this year to Paul Deep, for his presentation "My P.E.T. Project: A Novel Approach to Investigating the Etiology of Bruxism in Living Human Brain."

### The Pierre Fauchard Academy Prize:



(L to R) Troy Brooks, DDSIII and Dr. Louis Touzy

Awarded to the junior Canadian Dental Association Student Governor for demonstrating leadership in the profession. For 2000, the award went to Troy Brooks and was presented by Dr. Louis Touzy.

## Student Awards 2000

### Fourth Year Dentistry Awards and Prizes

Awards for Fourth Year Dentistry were presented at a Convocation Champagne Luncheon held May 17, 2000 at the McGill University Faculty Club Ballroom. Faculty staff, students and their parents were in attendance.



Graduating Class of 2000

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



Dean Lund and Kalina Plata



Dana M. Hawley

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



Dean Lund and Y.T. Lilian Mui



Kalina Plata

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



(L to R) Monique Stara, Dean Lund and Kalina Plata.

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## Student Initiation Benefits Community

By Michael McHugh, Lab Coordinator

The annual initiation event of DDSI took place at the end of August, 2000 to benefit the Sun Youth Community Organization. After receiving a generous donation from Johnson & Johnson Inc., members of the class of 2004 distributed new J&J dental tape containers at the corner of St. Catherine and Peel streets, asking the public in turn for a donation to Sun Youth. At the final tally, the class of 2004 had raised more than \$520! Students used chalk to demonstrate surgical carving skills, and also educated passersby on the techniques of good gum hygiene, using J&J dental floss. The students are very grateful to J&J for its generous support, and the Faculty is very proud of the initiative demonstrated each year by its first-year students.

# Spotlight on Students

## Fourth Year Dentistry Awards and Prizes

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**MCGILL ALUMNAE SOCIETY PRIZE** to be presented upon graduation to a distinguished student for excellence and high academic standing.



(L to R) Martine Nicopoulos, Dean Lund and Allan E. Lisbona

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



Dean Lund and Christine Koran

**DR. A. GERALD RACEY PRIZE** awarded to a student in the final year of the undergraduate program who has excelled in the comprehensive oral examination in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.



Dean Lund and Vivien Kwok

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



(L to R) Dean Lund, Monique Siara and Paul A. Marchand

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



(L to R) Martine Nicopoulos, Dean Lund, Dr. Jocelyne Feine and Christine Koran



Sheri Muradali

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

**DR. ANDRÉ CHAREST PRIZE**, donated by the Quebec Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, awarded to the student in the final year who has attained the highest standing in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.



Dean Lund and Kalina Pluta



Souzi Mhanna

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

Dean Lund also extended the faculty's appreciation to Evelyn Yeo for serving as **CLASS ACTION REPRESENTATIVE** for fourth year.



Dean Lund and Evelyn Yeo

### DEAN'S HONOUR LIST

- Dana M. Hawley
- Allan E. Lisbona
- Y.T. Lilian Mui
- Martine Nicopoulos
- Kalina Pluta
- Monique Siara

## Fourth Year Convocation Speech



Valedictorian  
Dana Hawley

The official **Health Sciences Convocation Ceremony** took place earlier in the day, May 17, at the Monument National in the Salle Ludger-Duvernay. At the end of the proceedings, **Dana Hawley**

delivered the valedictory speech, highlights of which are featured below.

"...So here we are today, McGill's first graduating class of the new millennium. The Class of 2000. We will come back to McGill, be reunited, and we will remember this day and the feelings that we are experiencing right now. Today is a day of mixed emotions.

We are proud; proud of our accomplishments, our achievements and our successes. It has been a lot of hard work but we persevered and our dedication and effort has been rewarded. We have reached our goal and received our degree.

We are excited, and we are really looking forward to starting the next phase of our lives along with the new challenges that we will be facing.

But we are also nervous, because leaving familiar surroundings to venture out on our own can be a daunting situation for many of us. And, although we are extremely happy today, we are also experiencing moments of sadness as we look around and see the people who we have shared this part of our journey with and realize that we will not be seeing each other every day as we have these past few years. These people have become our family – and like family, we know that wherever we may end up we will always be able to count on them.

We are also thankful to all of our professors, administration, families, friends and roommates. Thanks for putting up with us – especially during exam time. This is as much your degree as it is ours. And without your support, guidance and love, we would not be here today remembering our past and celebrating our future. We are delighted that

you, the most important people in our lives, are here to share this occasion with us.

When we come back for our reunions, or whenever we look at our degree (which I'm sure will be displayed in a very prominent place), we will remember not only this day but the culmination of events and experiences that have brought us to graduation.

...We must now reach inside and draw upon our strengths. And we must never be afraid to make mistakes – as mistakes are proof that we've tried. We must leave our safe, sheltered environment to go out into the world and begin our careers. We chose the helping profession because we felt that we could make a difference in the lives of others. It is now time to do just that."

## Student Oral Health Clinic Open for Business



Student Dental Clinic. (L to R) Ghassan H. El-Onsi, DDS'98 and Chantal Duperron, Hygienist

On April 6, 2000, the Faculty opened a new dental clinic in the recently completed

William and Mary Brown Student Services Building. The clinic was built primarily to meet the needs of McGill's student body, but is open to members of the public as well.

The service has become very popular with McGill's out-of-province students who use the Building for all their health care needs. The clinic is already booked two weeks in advance with an average of six to eight patients a day, and there are plans to expand from one treatment room to two.

It is staffed by two recent McGill grads, Dr. Ghassan El-Onsi and Kelly Sam Chu, DDS'98 along with a staff hygienist, Chantal Duperron.

# Spotlight on Students

## First, Second and Third Year Dentistry Awards and Prizes



Band members (L to R) Matt Kerner, Ari Cheru and Nahabed Mazloumian

A reception was held on November 15, 2000 at the McGill University Faculty Club Ballroom to present awards to First, Second and Third Year Dentistry students. Faculty staff, students and their parents attended and everyone was treated to an exceptional evening, with music provided by Dentistry students Ari Cheru on drums, Nahabed Mazloumian on electric guitar and Matt Kerner on acoustic guitar. The awards ceremony was hosted by 4th year students Lisa McBride and Paul Deep. During intermission the students presented a fashion show, with 3rd year students Habib Khoury and Michelle Lee as the runway announcers, featuring a Dentistry line of casual wear (next stop Paris and Milan!). It was unanimously agreed that this was the best awards ceremony ever produced by students for students. Congratulations to the award winners and to all those involved in the planning. The Dental Students Society also wishes to acknowledge with appreciation the generosity of the Scotia Bank (main branch on Sherbrooke, near Peel), which helped sponsor this event.



(L to R) Dr. Louis Touzy, Dean Lund, Herb Borsuk DDS'72 and Mrs. Eileen Borsuk



Fashion Show announcers (L to R) Habib Khoury and Michelle Lee



Student Awards Reception (L to R) Dr. Jocelyne Fein, Dr. Louis Touzy, Dr. Stéphanie Schwartz and Dr. Esa Klemetti



Student models (L to R) Wilkin Fong, Theoharist Constantatos, Karyne Spina, John Selim, Maria Pouliezios and Caius Ivanita

### THIRD



(L to R) Lisa McBride and Helen Mpanitis

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

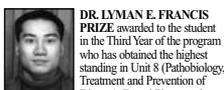
- Helen Mpanitis



(L to R) Sharon Nguyen and Dr. John Fenwick

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

- Sharon Nguyen



Tuan G. Bui

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

- Tuan G. Bui



(L to R) Lisa McBride and Helen Mpanitis

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

- Helen Mpanitis

### SECOND YEAR:



(L to R) Lisa McBride and Shari M. Borsuk

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

- Shari M. Borsuk



(L to R) Mark Martin and Lisa McBride

**DR. D.P. MOWRY AWARD** awarded to the student attaining the highest overall standing in the Second Year of the dental curriculum.

- Mark Martin

### SECOND YEAR



(L to R) Mark Martin, Paul Deep and Yamen Ghaniam

**DR. I.K. LOWRY AWARD** awarded to the student attaining the highest overall standing in the Management of Diseases/Dysfunction of the Orofacial Complex course in the Second Year of the dental curriculum.

- Mark Martin and Yamen Ghaniam



(L to R) Mark Martin and Lisa McBride

**DR. K.I. MELVILLE AWARD** awarded to the student attaining the highest overall standing in The Healthy Patient course in the Second Year of the dental curriculum.

- Mark Martin



(L to R) Mark Martin, Lisa McBride and Keith Sotero

**DR. W.C. BUSHELL AWARD** awarded to the student attaining the highest overall standing in the Diseases/Dysfunction of the Oro-facial Complex course in the Second Year of the dental curriculum.

- Mark Martin and Keith Sotero



(L to R) Troy Brooks, Paul Deep, Lisa McBride and James Eyamie

**DSS SPIRIT AWARD**, awarded by the Dental Students Society (DSS) to the student(s) who is not a member of the DSS, but who has demonstrated exceptional service for the benefit of all students (organisation of events, etc.).

- Troy Brooks and James Eyamie

**DEAN'S HONOUR LIST:**

**THIRD YEAR** Helen Mpanitis  
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## Faculty Undergraduate Scholarships 2000

**PING KWAN LAU SCHOLARSHIP** awarded on the basis of high academic achievement.

- Jennifer Charbonneau

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

- Brigitte R. Bigras

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- Margaret A. Hanlon



(L to R) Basel Abul Sharaf, Lisa McBride and Nancy Boisvert

**DENTISTRY CANADA FUND UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP** awarded to two students to recognize and encourage excellence and to provide support to deserving undergraduate students.

- Basel Abul Sharaf and Nancy Boisvert

## Graduate Student Awards 2000

**The Dr. Wah Leung Graduate Fellowship**, awarded by the Faculty to an entering postdoctoral, doctoral or master's student who is working in pain, oral cancer or bone tissue research.

- Dr. Yoshiaki Takamashi, DDS, PhD (Tokyo Dental College)

**The Yu-Ming Lam Graduate Fellowship**, awarded by the Faculty to an entering postdoctoral, doctoral or master's student.

- Dr. Alphonse Marché, BSc, OSSD (Univ. of Toronto, St. Michael's College)

## Space - A New Frontier in Dentistry

By Christiana Lee, DDSIV

Last summer, Carol Chahine, DDSIV and space enthusiast, was awarded a full scholarship to take part in the International Space University (ISU) which was held at Universidad Técnica Federico Santa María, in Valparaiso, Chile. The summer program ran from July 1 to September 2, 2000, and offered students and young professionals from various disciplines and nationalities an opportunity to gain new perspectives on the



Carol Chahine, DDSIV

world's space activities. In Carol's case, it afforded her the opportunity to participate in programs ranging from building

robots to conducting research on El Niño.

A year earlier, in July 1999, Carol was part of the Canadian delegation that participated in UNISPACE III, the United Nations conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, held in Vienna. One of the recommendations from that conference was to establish a center to promote the applications of space medicine for the benefit of mankind. In September 1999, Carol and two others who were in Vienna, founded a club at McGill – the

*Association for the Development of Aerospace Medicine (ADAM)*. In its first year, the club was such a success that the Students' Society of McGill University voted ADAM the best new club at McGill. Now in its second year, ADAM is still going strong. One of Carol's goals for the future is to look into robot-assisted surgery and its dentistry applications.

The Faculty is extremely proud of student initiatives, and congratulates Carol on her achievements and wishes her well in her future endeavours.

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## Our Donors - They Care Enough to Give the Very Best

**"People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care"** John Lewis Russell - *Thoughts for a*



**Dr. Robert Faith  
DDS '58**

As a busy young dentist building his practice and teaching at McGill, Dr. Robert Faith was impressed by those who both worked and volunteered. But he did not consider doing the same. "I used to think, 'I could never do that,'" said Dr. Faith. "Then, one day, I was having lunch with the chairman of the Board of Governors – the president of

Marconi – and he said, 'You know, when people ask me to do something, it's usually fun. I've regretted it very, very seldom.' I thought about that."

The next time he was approached, Dr. Faith broke tradition and said "Yes."

Now retired, he looks back on a decades-long volunteering career that includes being in charge of fundraising at Montreal Association for the Blind, serving as Chair of the Board at The Study private

school for girls, and serving as a member of the board of Bathshaw Youth and Family Centres. Dentistry at McGill, however, remains his first allegiance. Dr. Faith is on the Board of Governors, is chair of the Faculty Advisory Board, and has been President of the Alumni Association. The list could go on and on.

Just as his mentor promised, Dr. Faith has seldom regretted a consistent volunteering regimen that he estimates has long

accounted for one-fifth of his working time.

"I enjoyed getting out of the office, meeting interesting people, and learning a whole lot," he said. "It's very broadening – and a great way to improve yourself. People who say 'No' all the time miss a lot."

Dr. Faith also sees it as payback for opportunity. "If not for the education I had at McGill, I would not be as successful as I've been. Society subsidizes schooling, and we have a certain duty to society."



Arthur Lau established Ping Kwan Lau Entrance Scholarship. (L to R) Arthur Lau, Jennifer Charbonneau, recipient of Scholarship, Dr. Phyllis Shapiro, Principal Bernard Shapiro and Dean Lund.

**Mr. Arthur Lau  
BArch '62**

Surrounded by worthy causes, many donors restrict themselves to one or two. Not so Arthur Lau, an architect who has helped eight faculties at

McGill alone – not to mention many organizations outside the university.

When asked why he supports the Faculty of Dentistry, despite having no direct connection, Lau says, "Health is important to everyone. Some people can't afford their time, others don't have the interest. But, in the end, everyone is counting on

health care.

"I've been working for education and health care all my life."

Lau assisted in attracting donations to dentistry at a crucial moment, when the program was in danger of shutting down in 1994.

"He played a large part in keeping the faculty open," said Dean James Lund. "He felt it was a very bad decision to close it down. Once that was accomplished, he felt he should stay on to help it to remain healthy and to grow."

"He has a total commitment to the university," says Vice-Principal, Development and Alumni Relations Derek Drummond, "and is able to transmit his enthusiasm to others – even to people as far away as Hong Kong." Lau, an extremely active member

of the Board of Governors, has attracted several major donations and has personally contributed funding for the Wong Building, various chairs and scholarships. In Dentistry he ended an Entrance Scholarship in memory of his father Ping Kwan Lau, assisted in acquiring major

support to establish the Dr. Wah Leung Fellowship and just recently established the Dr. Soo Kim Lan Prize for a graduate student.

Not surprisingly, Lau was recently appointed to the Order of Canada for his extensive philanthropy.



Arthur Lau assisted in the establishment of the Dr. Wah Leung Fellowship. (L to R) Arthur Lau, Yoshiaki Takahashi, recipient of Fellowship, Dean Lund and Satoko Takahashi.

**Dr. Earl Lerner, DDS '63, Ortho '69**



Dr. Earl Lerner established the Dr. Earl Lerner Faculty Scholarship. (L to R) Phyllis Shapiro, Principal Bernard Shapiro, Dean Lund, Brigitte Bigras and Earl Lerner.

Last year, Dr. Earl Lerner broke new ground when he decided to take McGill up on its offer to directly fund a scholarship for undergraduate students. He was the first who agreed to commit \$2,000 each year over four years.

"I've been donating to my alma mater for years," he said. "I feel a great indebtedness to McGill and I have a great affinity for it." Lerner is enthusiastic about the more personal touch the scholarship allows. "I can meet the student – it's more responsibility."

Dr. Lerner, who has practiced

in Pointe Claire since completing post-graduate orthodontics at Columbia University in 1966, even offered to mentor last year's winning student – Brigitte Bigras – when he met her last fall.

"I don't come from a family of dentists and I had no mentor, no one to turn to when I was a student," he said. "Students are under a lot of stress, a lot of turmoil, and they may need to talk to someone when they have difficulty studying, or are a little discouraged."

Lerner has been an unwitting mentor in the past. He recently

met a former patient now in her fourth year of dentistry. He was flabbergasted when she told him, "You were instrumental in getting me interested in dentistry. I never forget the personal touch you had – asking me about how my hockey was going, or my cross-country skiing."

"I was a role model, and I didn't even know it!" said Lerner. Though it is just the first year of his commitment, Lerner already anticipates signing up again in 2003.

**Mr. Paul Marchand,  
BCU'66, LLM'85**



An endowment fund has allowed Dr. Paul R. Marchand's, DDS '30, close relationship with the Faculty of Dentistry to continue despite his death in May 1998.

"The faculty was a huge part of

his life," says his son and McGill-trained lawyer, Paul R. Marchand. "College was a very big deal and meant an awful lot to him. He made lifelong friends here. He was a teacher, and the dentists he came to know from McGill remained very close.

"When we started the fund, I went up and saw the dean with my father. I wanted to get the fund started when he was alive and knew about it. He was not a well-to-do man, and was glad I was

doing something to support McGill dentistry."

While nurturing the endowment fund is a long-term endeavour for Marchand and the fund has not yet built sufficient capital to fund a scholarship or bursary, interest now generates an annual prize for a deserving fourth-year student.

Marchand Sr. was an unfatiguing McGill supporter. "He felt it was the model for others to follow," says his son, Marchand



**Dr. Paul R.  
Marchand**

High-speed drills were unknown and anaesthetics unsophisticated for much of his career, but Marchand's

patients make a point of telling his son, "You know, your father never hurt me."

Though a supporter of his own Faculty of Law, Marchand is proud and pleased to help Dentistry on his father's behalf – and to personally hand the Dr. Paul R. Marchand and Maurine McNeil Marchand Prize to a student during convocation.

**Mrs. Pierrette Wong**



Pierrette Wong recalls with painful precision the kind of dentistry she received as a child growing up on the island of Mauritius.

"We had mobile dental care that went from school to school, and you were lucky if you saw a dentist once a year. Very likely by the time the dentist came, most children had a lot of pulling to be done," she said. "My tooth was pulled without anaesthetic. I still remember I screamed so loud that the whole village could hear me."

So when Mrs. Wong heard from a friend about the Faculty of Dentistry's Outreach Clinic, where dental care is provided to anyone in need, the cause spoke directly to her heart. Despite being busy with volunteering work and numerous fundraising efforts in the Chinese community, she signed agreed to co-chair the clinic's 1999 fundraising dinner.

"When you become aware of a program and you feel it's something you believe in and you can do something about, it's important to act," said Mrs. Wong. "If someone

asks me for help, I say, 'What is it for?' If there's a real need, I do it."

Mrs. Wong has looked for a way to honour her husband Janson ever since he died four years ago. She found the perfect way through the dental research component of the new Genome & Proteomics Centre to be located at McGill (this new building will be built on the current site of the Donner Building). It will be called The J.T.N. Wong Montreal Unit for Bone and Periodontal Research, thanks to her generosity.

Still, Mrs. Wong downplays her role. "Individually, you cannot do

much. Collectively, we can do quite a bit. We can make a difference."

"Nowadays, there are cuts everywhere, and not everyone can afford to go to the dentist. The Outreach Program is a very important addition to services provided by organizations like Sun Youth and Dans la Rue. On volunteering generally, Wong says, "people look at me and think I have nothing better to do; people who know me know that I have to do it."

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## VOLUNTEER PHONATHONS THEY CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Each year in March and April, McGill University's Development office coordinates a major fundraising initiative in Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver. In each city, a group of volunteers works all evening, calling graduates and friends to solicit support for University priorities and thanking them for past support. These volunteers are graduates and students representing their respective faculties or departments, and the personal contact during a call is an excellent opportunity for discussion on recent developments in their areas. The Faculty of Dentistry has consistently been well represented in Montreal, particularly by its student body (recent phonathons have recruited anywhere from 15 to 20 students each year).

In March 2000, Dr. Gary Sankoff, DDS '61 received a call from a first year Dentistry student and below is a personal reflection on that experience and on earlier contacts:

"They were very relaxed, very knowledgeable, and had an excellent presentation," he told senior development and alumni relations officer Debbie Larocque. "I was on the phone about 15 minutes every time they called. We talked about dental school, what I did, and what I went through when I was there. And sometimes I knew their fathers, having been to school with them, so we'd talk about that. Very little was mentioned about fundraising.

"It was as soft a sell as you could get, and very effective," said Dr. Sankoff, who

## Anniversary classes boost the undergraduate teaching program

Second year students will now benefit from improved teaching resources with the recent installation of 30 mannequins, or "phantom heads" in the Strathcona Anatomy and Dentistry Building student lab. These solid, life-sized "phantom heads" will allow our students to develop the difficult psychomotor skills that our profession demands and will make the transition to clinical practice easier and faster. The purchase of these units was made possible through contributions from the classes of '49, '59, '64, '69, '74, '79, '84 and '89 in the fund year '98-'99 and the classes of '50, '65, '70, '75, '80, '90 and '95 in '99-'00, on the occasion of their respective Anniversaries, together with a major donation from **Dr. and Mrs. (Jane K.) Coleman Gertler**, on the occasion of his 50th Class Anniversary in October 2000. The students and staff are extremely grateful for the generous support provided by these classes; this initiative once again demonstrates the importance of private giving in enhancing teaching programs, which is a major priority within the Faculty.

## Faculty Advisory Board Retirements and New Membership

In the fall of 2000, the Faculty acknowledged the retirement of six of its members from the Faculty Advisory Board. The Faculty wishes to thank the following individuals, who faithfully served on the Board for more than three years, for their dedication, advice, encouragement and support: Dr. Kenneth Bentley, Mr. Purdy Crawford, Dr. Richard Cruess, Mr. Claude Garcia, Dr. Norman Miller and Dr. Harry Rosen.

It is with great pleasure that the Faculty announces the recruitment of the following new members to the Faculty Advisory Board, Business Group:

**Mrs. Gail Johnson**, BA'63, McGill Board of Governors

**Mr. Alex Kalil**, President, ADTEK Photomask, McGill Board of Governors

**Mr. Jeremy Masters**, President, Canada Maritime Agencies Ltd.

**Mr. Keith Petrovsky**, President, Montreal Thermo King Refrigeration Inc.

**Mr. Christopher Winn**, MBA'66, Venture Capitalist, Miralta Capital Inc.

**Mrs. Pierrette Wong**, Businesswoman

These people bring to the Faculty an invaluable connection to industry and the community as a whole. Such connections are an opportunity to continue to build a strong foundation of support that will ultimately lead to enhancing teaching and research programs at all levels. The Faculty is therefore extremely grateful to all its members for their contributions to the Faculty Advisory Board, Business and Dental Groups.

## Where Your Dollars Go

### Message from the Dean:

*Our donors' consistent and generous support to the Faculty of Dentistry is an important source of encouragement to everyone in the Faculty. They understand how much McGill has offered its students and how important that experience proved to be. Their support ensures that today's students – and those of tomorrow – will continue to benefit from an equally exceptional education.*

*This past fall, we welcomed 29 new undergraduates and 25 new graduate students and residents to Dentistry at McGill. They will benefit from past support to the Alma Mater Fund, which enabled the Faculty to acquire training simulators for operative dentistry for the Strathcona Student Labs, and also supported Student Table Clinic presentations held at the Montreal General Hospital.*

Last year we moved ahead in several key areas:

- We continued to upgrade clinical facilities, incorporating audiovisual and computer equipment, computerized patient registration and treatment planning programs, and patient information literature and videos.
- We could not have achieved any of this without the flexibility made possible by the gifts of graduates and friends.
- In this context, gifts received in this fund year (ending May 31, 2001) will confirm the direction we are taking. We hope to continue in our efforts to promote quality education and community service:
- We will create more undergraduate scholarships and graduate fellowships to attract the best students possible.
- We will continue to build our curriculum and expand pre-clinical and clinical teaching facilities.
- In addition, with your help, we will create new computer facilities at both the Strathcona and Montreal General Hospital Clinic, and continue computerizing teaching materials through the use of Web and CD-ROM technology.
- Another priority is to expand the Outreach Program to other organizations, and to finish financing a van that will serve as a truly mobile dental clinic. It will bring free dental care to those unable to visit the outreach clinics.
- We created a new graduate fellowship (Dr. Yu-Ming Lam Fellowship) and two scholarships (the Dr. Yu-Ming Lam Entrance Scholarship and the Dr. Earl Lerner Faculty Scholarship). As soon as full funding is acquired, we hope to create the Dr. Howard S. Katz Scholarship in honor of our former Associate Dean of Academic Affairs who passed away in December 1999.



Everyone's continued support is vital to the progress we are making. Remember, every gift is essential if we are to continue providing an outstanding dental education that is second to none.

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## Recognizing Your Gift

In recognizing the significant role you play in helping the Faculty of Dentistry be the best it can be, the Faculty wishes to offer a heartfelt "thank you" for your generous support in 1999-2000 and to assure you that your gift does make a difference. We also want to thank the many volunteers who

generously donated their time and energy to raising awareness and helping to increase private support. Without you, fund raising would be an impossible task and without you, the Faculty would not be where it is today. We are therefore honored to recognize the

following donors who supported the Faculty of Dentistry between June 1, 1999 and May 31, 2000. For the first time this year, we are recognizing gifts to Dentistry according to categories defined by the McGill Donor Circles:

In 1999-2000, the rate of participation in Dentistry was once again second among all faculties and schools, behind Medicine. Needless to say, we want to be first!!! Therefore please keep in mind that when sending in your gift, you should designate it specifically to the Faculty of Dentistry.

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In keeping with a wonderful tradition, the Podo Clinic (held the Wednesday before Halloween) once again treated its young patients to an exceptional afternoon filled with ghosts and goblins and goodness knows what else. The staff and students at the McGill Dental Clinic pulled out all the stops in dressing for the occasion, and the photos more than speak for themselves!

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