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**Pictured on cover:** (left to right)  
Terry Ingham ('62), Bill MacInnis ('70), Frank Lovely ('59), John Christie ('71) during unveiling of the photo history of graduating classes at the faculty dinner in March 1995

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# Dental Alumni Association President's Letter

**I**T IS WITH PLEASURE THAT I extend greetings in this second edition of our Alumni Anchor.

The year 1994-95 has brought about significant reductions in funding for our faculty, necessitating many adjustments. I am happy to report however, through the generous support of alumni, that we have been able to enhance many of our meaningful programs. A brief reminder would include:

- support for three summer students in research
- renewal of our grant to the Clinical Research Unit
- support of students to present research findings at IADR
- continuance of the rich heritage of our faculty by completion of our class photo collection (I would encourage you to visit the 5th floor to review this memorable collection.)
- support for the students Table Clinic night
- support for Project Open Wide
- a convocation reception for new graduates and their families
- support for our first alumni reception during the CDA meeting in Ottawa
- support for anniversary class reunions
- support for new enrolling students in our faculty
- upgrading of equipment in the Alumni sponsored student computer lab

All of these meaningful pursuits have been made possible only through the generous annual giving by Alumni. Your committee shall continue to monitor each request for support, and the effectiveness of each project, in an effort to assure that our donations are spent wisely.

The generous support of alumni this year has resulted in total donations reaching 132 percent of our goal, with greater numbers giving support. 1818

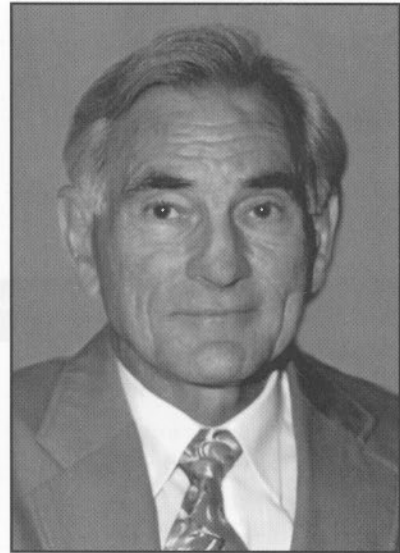
Society membership (greater than \$1,000) has doubled to 14 members.

I have to share with you that there is just an excellent feeling among our students, particularly new graduates about the school, the faculty, their new curriculum and their optimism of being able to become members of our profession and alumni. They are acutely aware that many of the additional "niceties" available to them are provided by alumni. I hope this good feeling can also be enhanced amongst alumni during receptions, class reunions, golf outings, CDA functions, continuing education, and your visits back to your alma mater. It is a delight that Elaine Gordon ('69) shall serve as President of the general Dalhousie Alumni this year.

Although economic changes have challenged us all as health care providers, we are to be reminded that the educational opportunity that we enjoyed with our one out of three selection process has afforded us to be still employed and not suffered with total job loss and other hardships of downsizing in our society.

Harold Brogan ('61) has arranged our first annual alumni golf tournament, held on May 25, prior to May 26 convocation. There were many prizes. It would be nice to see future growth as we enjoy recreation among friends.

I wish all of you and your families success in your profession and joy in your living. I look forward to seeing many of you through our professional and alumni contacts. ⚓



**Dr. Lovely**

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# Dean's Message

**S**EVERAL YEARS AGO THE institute of Medicine (IOM) agreed to undertake an independent assessment of dental education in North America and to make recommendations regarding its future. After extensive consultation, a blue ribbon committee was put together to oversee the study. The IOM committee included those with expertise and experience in dental practice and education, health services research, other areas of health professions and higher education, health care delivery, financing, and public policy.

A comprehensive report entitled *Dental Education at the Crossroads - Challenges and Change*, was released in late January 1995. While the IOM report contained 22 recommendations, I was concerned by the suggestion that although there is widespread agreement on what the challenges are in dental education and that change is needed, the biggest roadblock seems to be that there is significant reluctance and unwillingness to change.

Fortunately, this is not a problem for our dental Faculty, as we have already begun many important new initiatives which will help us prepare for the challenges of the future.

- We have implemented a zero based curriculum that promotes the integration of basic and clinical sciences in a format that relies on the scientific basis of patient treatment.

- We have approved a Faculty governance document which reduced the number of departments, established a Faculty executive council and guaranteed elected representation to part-time faculty.

- We are committed to the development of a clinical research unit that promotes collaborative clinical research

within dentistry and other health related groups. We expect that new patient care knowledge will be shared by our students, teachers and alumni.

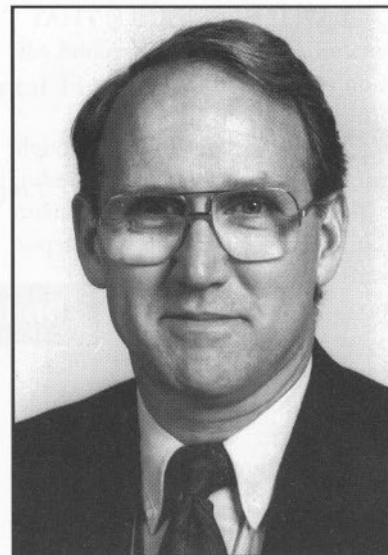
- We are promoting population health through community, professional and government partnerships, so that oral health education and dental care can be provided to residents of areas with social and economic inequities.

- We helped formulate an agreement between Dalhousie and the University Kebangsaan Malaysia to educate Malaysian students in dentistry. We are delighted to welcome three students from Malaysia to first year dentistry this fall.

- We are pursuing strategies to recruit under-represented African Canadian and First Nations students to dentistry through the development of promotional materials and visits to specific communities.

The IOM report suggests a future quite unlike the past, and I can confidently assure you that our Faculty looks forward to both the challenges and the opportunities facing us. We are neither reluctant nor unwilling to initiate changes. Sometimes we even thrive on them. ⚓

**Dr. MacInnis**



**"our Faculty looks forward to the challenges and opportunities facing us"**

# Message from the Director of Dental Hygiene

**I**T IS MY PLEASURE TO welcome you to the second issue of the Alumni Anchor. One of the primary goals of this magazine is to exchange news and views of faculty and alumni. Though we see many of you at meetings, conferences and continuing education courses, we have not had any formal mechanism for maintaining contact with you. We would be pleased to include your news and ideas, so we do hope that you will submit items of interest for future publications.

The School of Dental Hygiene has continued to maintain excellence in its program, largely through the collective efforts of dedicated full and part-time faculty, the school secretary, and students who accept the challenges of the program, and continue to exceed their own, as well as faculty, expectations. Student scholarship this year was exceptional. In addition to the annual awards for table clinics, clinical proficiency and highest grades, senior dental hygiene students set new precedents. Steve Cameron was awarded one of the two Canadian dental hygienists association Aquafresh scholarships. Steve Cameron, Julie Dort and Cheryl Jacquard presented table clinics at the sixth annual CDHA professional conference in Halifax in June, while Cyndy Grant and Scott Rhude presented their paper on dental hygiene self-regulation at that conference. Scott Rhude also became a published author with the CDHA journal probe publication of his ethical dilemma in the June issue. These outcomes of scholarship and research are encouraged and facilitated by faculty, but the students themselves commit the exceptional time and energy to carry them through to completion.

Faculty, too, have been active in pursuing professional interests and fur-

ther education. Terry Mitchell and her local organizing committee deserve a vote of thanks and a round of applause for managing the largest ever CDHA conference in Halifax in June. It was an enormous success by any standard. Full-time faculty are all involved in a variety of research projects, and many of the part-time faculty are continuing their MEd programs with energy and enthusiasm.

Although my own alma mater is not now Dalhousie, it will be in the not-too-distant future. I, too, have made a commitment to further my education, and I am enrolled in the interdisciplinary PhD program at Dalhousie. It is for this reason that I am not continuing as director, although after a year of study leave, I will resume as a full-time faculty member. My choice of Dalhousie is the result of a winning combination of the best faculty, and the program most suited to my needs.

The School of Dental Hygiene has a well-deserved reputation for excellence, and I am personally beginning to understand and appreciate other highly reputable faculty and programs within this University. I look forward to joining with all of you Dalhousie alumni in honouring and supporting my alma mater. ↓



**Joanne Clovis**

**“The School of Dental Hygiene has a well-deserved reputation for excellence, and I am personally beginning to understand and appreciate other highly reputable faculty and programs within this University.”**

# A Malaysian Christmas

IT WAS AN UNUSUAL gathering, that December morning, just three days before Christmas. Three young Malaysian women were greeted at Halifax airport by Bill MacInnis, dean of dentistry, Dr. Don Cunningham, assistant dean of student affairs, as well as two fellow Malaysian students here to study medicine. The photograph taken upon their arrival shows the three women, newly introduced to the first of many unfamiliar North American customs, standing in front of a large decorated Christmas tree surrounded by synthetic snow.

The contrast is curious. It is hard to know which seems more out of place: the three women in Malaysian dress, or the synthetic combination of Christmas tree and snow in the middle of Halifax airport.

Now more at ease, the three women laugh upon seeing the photograph. "We didn't think we were going to be celebrities when we came here," said Ramuna. And celebrities they've been.

Ramuna Ibrahim, Latifah Morad and Safura Baharin are the first students sponsored by the Malaysian government to study dentistry at Dalhousie. Their arrival marks the culmination of three years of preparation by Dalhousie University and the government of Malaysia.

Malaysia sends 70,000 students abroad every year, to be educated all over the world. Currently enjoying an economic boom, the country's education system simply cannot handle the increasing demand for trained professionals. Dalhousie saw this as an excellent opportunity to encourage international relations between the two countries.

Every year for the next five years, Dalhousie will accept up to eight new students in medicine, five in dentistry and 15 in engineering. The

Faculty of Dentistry is making special provision for these students by adding extra spaces to the program. Not only will the Malaysian students not reduce allotted enrollment spaces for Atlantic Canadian dentistry students, but they will bring in foreign annual tuition fees of \$30,000. Canadian students are subsidized by the Canadian government and only pay \$4,500 annually.

Dr. Pat Ryall, chair of earth sciences at Dalhousie, has helped foster this relationship between the govern-



ment of Malaysia and Dalhousie.

"You might wonder what an earth sciences professor has to do with encouraging Malaysian student enrollment in dentistry, medicine, and engineering" said Dr. Ryall.

Dr. Ryall, who has a keen interest in the geology of Malaysia, spent a few years teaching there in the late seventies. Consequently, when Dalhousie realized the tremendous opportunity that lay in attracting students from Malaysia, they turned to Dr. Ryall.

"I made my first visit on behalf of Dalhousie in November 1992," said Dr. Ryall. "By October 1994, the agreement was signed, and the students were selected.

"It's unusual for the Malaysian government to send their students in the middle of winter," noted Dr. Ryall. "They like their students to ease into

the culture before being confronted with the additional challenges of experiencing their first winter."

Dr. Cunningham has been instrumental in making the transition between cultures as easy as possible for the new students.

"I find it particularly interesting how quickly Ramuna, Latifah and Safura are adopting to western culture," said Dr. Cunningham. "Their input is also going to have an interesting impact on the profession and on the dental teaching environment. It will certainly be a mutually rewarding experience."

Ramuna, Latifah and Safura have already completed two years of junior college in Malaysia. On arrival here, they enrolled in science courses at Dalhousie, in preparation for their entrance into dentistry this fall. In September, five more Malaysian students enrolled at Dalhousie in preparation for their entry into dental school in the fall of 1996.

The Malaysian government has great plans for their students. By coming here, the Malaysian students have signed a long contract, agreeing to work for the Malaysian government for ten years, upon completion of their studies in Canada. Malaysia currently has one dentistry school. With the dentist to population ratio in Malaysia at 1:12,000 compared to Nova Scotia's ratio of 1:2,300, the Malaysian government is hoping Ramuna, Latifah and Safura will contribute to the growth of their dentistry school, by eventually becoming professors.

Ramuna, Latifah and Safura really like Nova Scotia.

"The people are very friendly here," says Safura. "And there's so much space. In Malaysia there are buildings everywhere."

Culture shock aside, they are settling into their new lives quite well. ♪

# Egyptian Children's Dentistry Project

**T**HIS PROJECT PROPOSES to develop a primary oral health care program for 86,000 Egyptian school children in the Alexandria, Cairo and Giza areas of Egypt. The project is a collaborative effort between the Faculty of Dentistry, Dalhousie University, the Canadian Dental Association, the Canadian International Development Agency (the management for change program) and the Dental Department, the Egyptian Ministry of Health.

The project, headed by Peter Pronych ('68) and assisted by Dr. Amid Ismail at Dalhousie's Faculty of Dentistry, will improve the access of children in Egypt to primary oral health prevention in the Egyptian national dental health insurance program for all school children through clinics under the management of the supreme council of the health insurance organization. The impact of the project will be a reduction in the prevalence of untreated dental caries and extractions in children. The change in the current restorative treatment philosophy will be brought about through the development of a school-based oral health education and promotion program for mothers and school children, and a sealant application program, that are specifically designed for Egyptian school children.

The oral health education and promotion component of the project is Phase 1, while Phase 2 is the application of fissure sealants to teeth exhibiting clinical signs of early caries. A survey conducted by Dr. Wissa, Egyptian project director for Cairo/Giza, reported in 1990 that early pit and fissure caries could be detected on the chewing surfaces of permanent molars of children 9-10 years old. She went on to say that if left untreated, these early carious lesions would develop into active invasive dental caries on the chewing surfaces of the molars by the time those children reached 15-16 years of age. In 1995, a subsequent sur-



vey by Dr. Wissa showed that this is now occurring. The skillful application and follow-up maintenance of the fissure sealant material to the diagnosed early caries lesions on the younger children's first permanent molars would have prevented this development of active caries. The early placement of sealants would also help reduce the higher costs associated with restoring teeth, and thus enable the very limited resources of the country to be redistributed to the areas of dental need where the greatest benefit would be. Phases 1 and 2 have already begun.

Phase 3 is the introduction of the health education and promotion, and the sealant application components into the entire Egyptian national dental health insurance program. This will occur after evaluation of the effectiveness and cost efficiency of the combined patient education/sealant application programs. The project budget, consisting of Canadian and Egyptian contributions in Canadian dollars, is \$235,596, and the project duration is August 1, 1994 to April 30, 1997. ⚓

**"application of fissure sealant to early caries lesions on the younger children's first permanent molars would prevent development of active caries"**

# First Impressions

**T**EMPUS FUGIT, ESPECIALLY if you're having a good time! My first year at the Faculty of Dentistry of Dalhousie University has literally flown by and I am certainly enjoying being a member of this wonderful learning community.

I arrived in September 1994 knowing a little about the Faculty, but eager to learn. Everyone - students, staff and faculty - has been very patient with me as I learn the ropes, and for this I am very grateful. I have enjoyed meeting all the people involved, including the alumni. At meetings of dental organizations, alumni are always anxious to tell me that they are from "Dal", and I appreciate the pride they feel. Before arriving, I was aware of Dalhousie Dentistry's excellent reputation and I have not been disappointed. Indeed, it is with a degree of pride that I now identify with this Faculty.

Dalhousie's Faculty of Dentistry has a reputation for being innovative and a leader in dental education in North America. So it is not surprising that a new curriculum was developed to reflect modern educational methodologies and to prepare students for the changing face of dental practice. The final year of the new integrated curriculum is now in place. One of the challenges of change is to assess if the change has been effective and beneficial. An outcome assessment has been instituted to measure and monitor the curriculum, and alumni, staff, students and faculty have already participated by responding to surveys. We must ensure that the new curriculum maintains the high quality of Dalhousie dental graduates.

There are many challenges facing dentistry and dental education, as reflected in the threatened closures of three Canadian dental faculties, and the closure of several in the U.S.A. The ability to be flexible and adaptive to future needs ensures viability, and I

believe that Dalhousie has these essential qualities. If the Faculty as a whole is innovative and adaptive, it means that the individual components also have these attributes. I cannot praise the faculty, staff and students enough for their courage and creativity in meeting the challenges.

When I speak of faculty, I must point out that this includes our part-time members, without whom we could not provide the rich curriculum and clinical experience. Students look to the part-time faculty as role-models and their contribution is invaluable.

**Dr. Helen Lyttle**

The Institute of Medicine in the U.S.A. has produced a report entitled "Dental Education at the Crossroads. Challenges and Change", and there is presently a Canadian dental association task force looking at the future of dental education in Canada. The new buzzword is "oral physician", and this is a concept that is being considered not only in Canada and the U.S.A., but also in Europe.

The future of dentistry is exciting, and I am confident that Dalhousie is once again showing leadership, not only by being ready to meet the challenges, but also in having started on a new course. I am confident that the future alumni will be as proud of their alma mater as the present. ⚓



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# Report on Research

**R**ESearch FUNDING from the federal agencies, like all government funding, is being cut back. The medical research council has been forced to implement across-the-board cuts of five to ten percent for all current commitments for research over the next three years. As part of the economies, the medical research council has canceled its general grant (dean's discretionary) research funding to all dental, medical and pharmacy schools. Canadian dental faculties had previously each received \$15,000 per year as seed funding; the new decision means that this money will no longer be available in future for our faculty members. The only source of discretionary research funding available for the Faculty of Dentistry is that which is allocated from the Dalhousie dentistry alumni. Currently, this source of funding is helping to support projects being conducted in the clinical research unit which was established last year.

In spite of the difficulty in obtaining funding to support the research needs of our faculty, we do have some good news. The Division of Biomaterials, Department of Applied Oral Sciences, which is jointly funded by the Faculty of Dentistry and the Faculty of Medicine, obtained further external research support of \$198,000 for its university/industry and MRC/university-industry grants for biomaterials synthesis in 1994-95. This consistent group has brought in an average of over \$250,000 in external research funding each year for the past seven years.

A major time-consuming activity during the past year has been the preparation and submission of a proposal for a national centres of excellence program in biomaterials. In March 1994, the secretary of state for science, research and develop-

ment announced \$48 million in funding to support five new networks of centres of excellence in priority areas strategically imported to Canada in terms of economic, social and environmental benefits. The announcement specifically mentioned the great potential for the development of biomaterials for Canada's growing medical devices industry. The biomaterials research team at Dalhousie, in collaboration with colleagues across Canada, made a \$16 million application for funding under this expanded network of centres of excellence program. The Dalhousie group with four projects are part of a very powerful

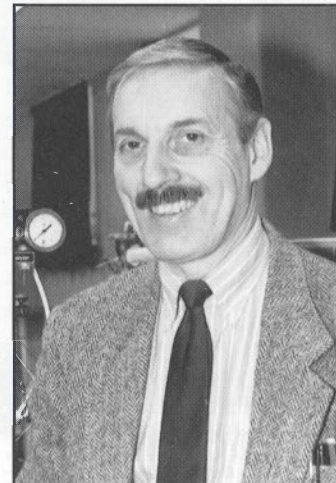
**Dr. Derek Jones**

national group with participation from the Maritimes to British Columbia. The application is one of only three projects which are being considered for funding as part of the advanced materials sector of the federal centres of excellence program.

A total of 19 papers carrying Dalhousie's name were presented at international meetings held in San Antonio, Texas in March 1995. Twelve papers were presented at the American Association and Canadian Association for Dental Research meeting in San Antonio, and a further seven papers dealing with education were also presented by Dalhousie faculty and staff at the American Association of Dental Schools meeting held in conjunction with this meeting. Darryl Smith ('97), Paul Miller ('96), Katrina Sawler ('95), and Paul Hurley ('95) all presented papers at the AADR/CADR meeting and gave an excellent account of themselves.

A very successful clinical research day was attended by some 30 dental faculty members on April 12, 1995. The purpose was aimed at stimulating clinical research in dentistry. Derek Jones, Assistant Dean (Research), was pleased to point out that the faculty currently had over \$34,000 from the medical research council and dental

alumni in discretionary funding for research support of ideas which may be stimulated by the clinical research day program. One of the key speakers was Dr. Richard Goldbloom, who provided an excellent start to the research day with a presentation dealing with his work involving the development of national guidelines for clinical trials. His message was very clear; in dentistry, as in medicine, we must question clinical dogma by conducting well-controlled scientific studies. Dr. Norman Mohl, from the School of Medicine, University of Buffalo, conducted a very interesting and valuable workshop on clinical research. The consensus was that it was a very successful day. ♪



**“there is great potential for the development of biomaterials for Canada's growing medical devices industry”**

# Faculty Retirement

**B**ARBARA HARSANYI CAME TO DALHOUSIE in August 1970 from Meharry Medical College as assistant professor, Division of Oral Pathology in the Department of Oral Biology. In 1973, Barbara was promoted to associate professor and, by 1975, was head of the division. During her tenure, she developed the division from two to four full-time faculty. She became a full professor in 1992.

Throughout her career at Dalhousie, Barbara demonstrated her commitment to students and patients. In the early 1970s, she pioneered the biopsy service and the mouth clinic as services to practitioners and patients. These services have been invaluable to patients throughout the Maritime provinces with oral pathological lesions, and to the learning process for the Faculty's undergraduate, graduate and dental hygiene students.

Barbara was instrumental in expanding and incorporating clinical oral pathology instruction into the undergraduate dentistry program. Together with Dr. Angelopoulos, she developed an oral pathology orientation program for dental hygiene students. When Dr. Angelopoulos resigned, Dr. Harsanyi maintained this teaching role as a personal commitment, believing that dental hygienists should be able to recognize oral lesions and inform the dentist of their presence. Barbara also designed and implemented the oral pathology component of the dental assistant program at the Nova Scotia Institute of Technology.

Barbara was one of the founders of the Canadian academy of oral pathology and was, in turn, secretary and president of the academy.

Working at Dalhousie is not Barbara's only love. She has a husband, Rodney Vaughan, children and grandchildren, enjoys hiking, cross-country and downhill skiing, and traveling to Hungary, Columbia, Oregon, and many other destinations. She loves to



Dr. Harsanyi opens her retirement gift as Bill MacInnis ('70) looks on.

sing in choirs, is an active member of the universal Unitarian church, and has actively worked on such programs as sponsoring Vietnam boat people to new lives in Canada.

Barbara Harsanyi has influenced many students and graduates, and has contributed significantly to the Faculty of Dentistry throughout her career. On December 31, 1994, Barbara officially retired from full-time status in the Faculty. She has accepted a post-retirement appointment as an adjunct professor to continue her research interests. We wish her well as she continues her research and looks ahead to enjoying retirement years. ⚓

**Barbara Harsanyi**

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# Convocation Reception

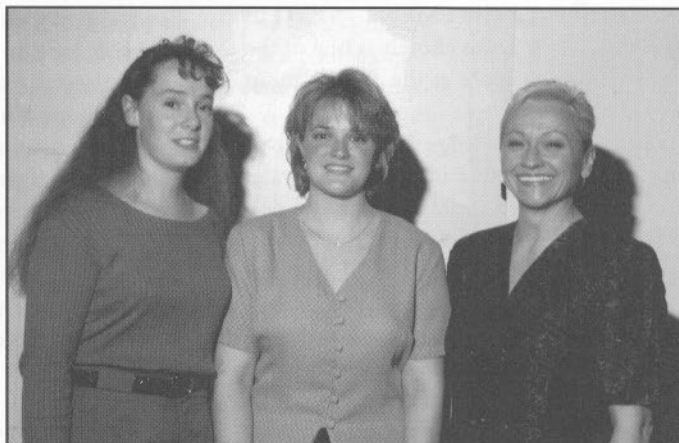
# 1995

**T**HE MCINNES ROOM AT Dalhousie's student union building was the scene of Dentistry's convocation reception on May 25, 1995. The mood was festive, with a feeling of anticipation in the air.

For the first time, the Faculty held the reception on the evening prior to Dentistry's convocation. The reception provided approximately 325 graduates and their families, faculty, staff and alumni an opportunity to meet and mingle over a drink and to sample some tasty morsels. The Class of '55 was also on hand as part of their reunion weekend festivities.

Frank Lovely ('59) presided over the evening's formalities, introducing Bill MacInnis ('70), Dean; Joanne Clovis, Director of Dental Hygiene; Elaine Gordon ('69) as president of Dal's alumni association, and Dr. Leesha Zed, our honorary degree recipient.

Colin Duffy spoke as valedictorian for the dentistry graduating class, followed by Stacy Benedict for the dental hygiene graduating class. ⚓



Jocelyn Burke (DH'95), president of the dental hygiene class, Stacy Benedict (DH'95), dental hygiene valedictorian, and Joanne Clovis



Andrew Halpin ('95) accepts the Dr. Bruce Fergusson Memorial Award, as its first recipient, from Simone Abbass ('85)



Jocelyn Burke (DH'95) receives the Anne Rafuse Memorial Prize from Joanne Clovis

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# The G-7 Summit Odyssey

**T**HERE WAS GREAT EXCITEMENT AT THE Faculty of Dentistry when it was chosen as one of the participants in Knowledge Place at the G-7 Summit in June.

Summit Odyssey, where Knowledge Place was located, was comprised of a series of unique inter-linked sites in downtown Halifax. This provided the public, media and delegates a diversity of educational and recreational opportunities that characterized Halifax as a vibrant and colourful part of the world.

In a very short time, our Faculty planned and produced two displays for the large tent that was Knowledge Place, on Queen's Wharf. Other departments and faculties on campus were participating as well. Uniformity and continuity were key elements, but each display was to be individual in its ability to catch the public's interest. We were opening our doors to the world.

Dr. Derek Jones was responsible for his department's display on biomaterials research, while Dr. Peter Pronych ('68) prepared a presentation that encompassed the dental school's role in community and international population oral health care.

The biomaterials research display contained many

hands-on models and modules, which showed the range of materials used in dentistry for designing prostheses to repair and replace damaged teeth. The interactive element of their display allowed members of the public to have their mouths and teeth examined by an intraoral camera. Its findings were displayed on a computer screen while the "patient" watched. The camera proved very popular.

The oral health care display combined photographs and writings to show the extent of the Faculty's commitment to oral health for children in community schools, and our older population, in Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. We have also acted as advisors to the ministry of health in Egypt, and in Malta.

The Faculty applied for and was selected to provide Emergency dental services to G-7 International representatives and dignitaries.

Summit Odyssey provided the Faculty of Dentistry with a wonderful opportunity to be part of an event that, at least temporarily, changed the character of the city to a multilingual and multicultural world capital. ⚓

## Alumni Golf Tournament

**T**he Dentistry alumni association sponsored its first golf tournament in conjunction with a continuing dental education day on May 25, 1995, at Granite Springs golf course in Bayside, NS.

The golf tournament, organized by Harold Brogan ('61), featured \$25,000 for hole-in-one prizes. A 1995 Chev Cavalier, 1995 motorcycle or ATV, two excursion tickets anywhere Air Canada or Canadian Air flies in North America, and golf clubs were offered to anyone lucky enough to score the big one. Unfortunately, no one drove off in the Cavalier at the end of the afternoon; however, the weather was cooperative, the black flies turned out en masse, and great fun was had by all!

The net proceeds from the golf registration are being used for Dentistry's scholarship fund.

Organizers and participants of the event were pleased with the day's format, although turnout was low. They do plan to offer this combination of events again next year, on a more convenient day. ⚓



Heading for the green are Al Swanzey ('63), Fred Gogan ('85), John Cook ('66), Bill MacInnis ('70), Greg MacDonald ('85), Harold Brogan ('61), Dave Buchanan, Ron Bannerman ('69)

# Staff Profile

**N**ANCY WEBB CAME TO work at the Faculty of Dentistry in July 1982 as coordinator of admissions and student affairs in the dean's office. She is a graduate of the Victoria General Hospital School of Nursing and Miss Murphy's Business College. Before joining the Faculty, Nancy worked as a nurse at the VG Hospital, and then as the admissions secretary for Dalhousie's School of Nursing.

Through her many successful years with the Faculty of Dentistry, Nancy has been recognized for her knowledge and her organizational skills. Her caring attitude is well known in her work with the many hundreds of dental and dental hygiene students who have applied to the Faculty and been nurtured by her through the admissions and registration processes.

Even after being accepted into the programs at the Faculty, the students' relationship with Nancy continues. Nancy exercised her student affairs responsibilities with a warm and resourceful open-door service, assisting many students with a myriad of different academic, personal and financial problems including, in a couple of instances, waking students who were late for exams. Nancy has always been recognized for being available and helpful.

In addition to admissions duties, Nancy assumed responsibility for academic and curriculum affairs in 1985. Student affairs responsibilities were passed on to the assistant dean of student affairs. Nancy was later promoted to manager of curriculum and academic affairs. Working primarily with the associate dean, academic, Nancy was instrumental in helping Dr. Bruce Graham organize and develop the new dental curriculum. In the transition between Dr. Graham and Dr. Gerrow, her knowledge, organization and communication skills kept the implementation of the new curriculum on track.

Nancy and her capable office

staff look after timetables, classroom, lab and examination schedules, course outlines and evaluations, admissions interviews and acceptances, student academic progress reports and grades, academic policies for the university calendar, student academic awards, convocation preparations, and a million other details that are a crucial part of a student's life in the Faculty. All of this has to be coordinated within university guidelines and/or national dental and dental hygiene professional requirements. When students, faculty members or staff need information on any of these policies and guidelines, they know Nancy and her staff will help them find the answer.

While Nancy has many conflicting priorities in her position, students know their concerns will be addressed by her. The Faculty is proud to have such a committed, dedicated and caring individual as a member of its senior staff.

Nancy is originally from Blandford, Nova Scotia and currently lives with her husband and two children in Deep Cove, N.S. ⚓



**Nancy Webb**

**"her caring attitude is well known"**

## Annual Phonathon

**T**HE ANNUAL DALHOUSIE PHONATHON IS AN IMPORTANT fundraising event in the Annual Fund calendar. Each fall, hundreds of students, faculty, staff and alumni participate in this event, raising thousands of dollars for their respective faculties. The 1994 Phonathon contributed \$214,763 towards Dalhousie's \$1.55 million goal.

In the Fall of 1994, volunteers from the Faculty of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene spent three evenings phoning classmates from 1927 to 1994. Dentistry raised more money at the Phonathon than any other faculty, contributing \$41,098 to the phonathon total. This number represents a 68.1 percent increase in pledges from 1993.

A special thanks goes to all our volunteers and supporters who contributed their time and financial support. The 1995 Phonathon takes place in early October. ⚓

# Table Clinics

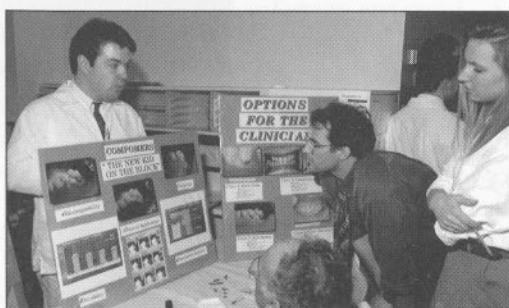
**T**HE 25TH ANNUAL TABLE CLINICS WERE HELD ON FRIDAY January 27, 1995. As usual, the school was a busy place on that day, with many activities scheduled to coincide with this event.

The Halifax County dental society hosted a light dinner for members and fourth year students before the evening presentations. Pro-Dent laboratory sponsored a wine and cheese reception after the event. The table clinic committee organized the table clinic social, where the winners were announced. The social, attended by many students, alumni, faculty and friends, raised \$460 for the student bursary fund.

This year saw the introduction of table clinics as part of Scholarship Across the Curriculum. First, second and third year dental students were involved with table clinics in some form or another. Scholarship Across the Curriculum was presented at the American Association of Dental Schools meeting in San Antonio as abstract #45, where it drew some interest as a novel new program.

Many thanks to the Nova Scotia dental hygienists association and the Halifax County dental society for donating the prizes in each category. Bill MacInnis, Dean ('70) presented prizes to the dentistry winners. Jeff

Bonang ('87) presented cheques from the Halifax County dental society to the dentistry winners. Steve Cameron, president of the Dalhousie dental hygiene students society presented the first place dental hygiene prize. Kim



First place dentistry winner was **Kevin Burns**.

Haslam, representing the Nova Scotia dental hygienists association, presented the second and third place dental hygiene prizes. Thanks also to the former Dalhousie student who annually contributes the fourth place dental prize.

Top honors in the dental student competition, The Bruce Fergusson Memorial Award, went to **Kevin Burns** for his clinic entitled, "Class V Restorations - Options for the Clinician". This award was given by the



First place dental hygiene winners were **Julie Dort** (left) and **Cheryl Jacquard**.

Halifax County dental society. Clare Champoux received second prize for "Time Saving, Space Making, Heat Sensitive Wires for the Dental Practitioner".

The third place prize recognized the work of Charmaine Williams on "Replacement of Missing Cusps: Pin Retained vs. Amalgam Bonded Restorations". Maureen Wiseman placed fourth with her clinic

"Mucogingival Considerations of the Unerupted Tooth".

**Cheryl Jacquard** and **Julie Dort** won first place in the dental hygiene competition for their look at "Carpal Tunnel Syndrome: An Occupational Hazard". "Which Brush? It's a Matter of Choice", by Shauna Deveaux and Stacy Benedict placed second, and "To See or Not to See (The Importance of Protective Eyewear in Practice)" by Denise Thibault and Steve Cameron won third place in the competition.

Kevin Burns, the dental student winner, represented Dalhousie University at the Canadian dental association meeting in Ottawa in August 1995. Kevin's trip was fully funded through the CDA/Dentsply student clinician program. For the first time, the dental hygiene student winners received a voucher to pay for accommodation and registration at the annual Canadian dental hygiene association meeting held this year in Halifax.

In the event that the dental board of Nova Scotia decides to allow continuing education credits for attending table clinics, 56 dentists, 38 dental hygienists and 18 assistants were signed in during the evening presentations, and a copy of the sheet was forwarded to the dental board. A total of 112 people signed up for the potential CE credits. A continuing education course was held the following morning so that dental professionals from out of town could maximize the benefits of their trip to Halifax. ↴

*Next year's Table Clinics is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, February 1, 1996.*

# Summer Student Research

**I**N 1994, 12 STUDENTS spent ten weeks working with faculty on a wide range of research projects. Three of these positions were funded with alumni money from the Annual Fund campaign. The long-running summer research program continues to be an important opportunity for students to gain practical experience and develop deeper insights into the scientific nature of their chosen field. As proof of the quality and level of research being done, these three projects were among 12 presented on behalf of Dalhousie at the 1995 AADR/CADR Conference in San Antonio, Texas.

## 1. Survey of Dalhousie Dental Hygiene Graduate Satisfaction with Periodontal Curriculum

Jocelyn Burke, a second year dental hygiene student from Lower Sackville, Nova Scotia, has been active during her time at Dalhousie. President of her class, this co-recipient of the Katie Lubetsky Award for highest grade point average spent her vacation last summer at the dental school. She spent the month of July as an instructor in Dalhousie's mini-university program, and also found time to work on a summer research project.

Facilitating the dental health care segment of the mini-university



program, Jocelyn inspired 150 students, ranging in age from nine to 14, to consider careers in dentistry and dental hygiene. This was very much a hands-on experience; participants learned about preventative care, tested their skills at making cast impressions, polished teeth and did amalgam fillings on plastic teeth.

Jocelyn also worked with Noel Andrews ('62) and Joanne Clovis, director, School of Dental Hygiene, on a survey assessing post graduation satisfaction with the periodontal program. This survey involved sending a 92-item questionnaire using a modified Likert scale to 201 recent graduates (1989-1994). With a 38 percent response rate, this type of research should prove useful in helping to design the curriculum to fill perceived gaps in learning that recent alumni feel exist, and prepare students for more realistic situations.

## 2. Restorative Management of Carious Pit and Fissures: A New Approach

Paul Miller was just finishing his second year of dental school when he had the opportunity to work under the supervision of Amid Ismail, Bill MacInnis ('70) and Barry Pass ('76). This native of Glace Bay, Nova Scotia spent his time studying the carious pit and fissure lesions of nine patients, and the culmination of his work was a trip to the AADS conference in San Antonio, Texas to present his research findings.

Based on a recent study conducted by Dr. Ismail, and the work of other epidemiologists, this summer project focused on the idea that practitioners should try to remove only as much of the decayed tooth structure as necessary. Looking at the possibility of



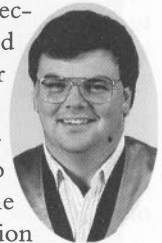
carious lesions extending into the dentin, Paul concluded that "While the results of the study need to be validated, we recommend that the actual extent of decay should determine the size of the cavity and the type of restoration placed. Dentistry should perhaps re-examine the need to treat most pit and fissure caries with a traditional class one restoration".

Paul enjoyed the research aspect of this project, and he is planning to set up a general practice somewhere outside of metro after he completes his degree in 1996.

## 3. Effects of CO2 Laser Radiation on Enamel Surrounding Orthodontic Brackets

For Jerome Johnson, working with Tom Boran ('78), Dr. Bill Lobb and Bob MacDonald ('63), meant not only the chance to earn some money to help pay for his last year of dental school, but also the opportunity to work with a scanning electron microscope and lasers. With some prior experience using lasers, Jerome was able to provide assistance on two research projects; "the effect of laser irradiation on acid/laser etched smooth surface enamel in a demineralizing solution" and "the effect of preventive laser irradiation on smooth surface enamel surrounding orthodontic brackets in a demineralizing solution".

Jerome was thankful for the opportunity to be able to participate in this hands-on experimentation, and expressed the hope that summer research students will continue to receive funding. Future plans for Jerome include returning to Newfoundland to associate with a practice in Marystown. ⚓



# Student Profiles

## Cyndy Grant

What makes a forestry student interested in dental hygiene? Even Cyndy Grant couldn't answer that question, but it's just the beginning of her unique background that extends far beyond the world of dental hygiene.

Originally from Petawawa, Ontario, Cyndy began her university training at the University of Western Ontario where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree. She then spent a year traveling in Asia and Australia before she entered the Masters of Forestry program at the University of New Brunswick. Upon completion of that degree, Cyndy worked in forestry for a short while before deciding to enter Dalhousie's School of Dental Hygiene.

"I know this is a cliché," says Cyndy, "but I really like dealing with people. Our long hours in clinic give us that opportunity and we really get to know many of our patients while we're here at the school. Everyone has a different oral condition, and it's really satisfying to be on the preventative end of things, especially since that's the changing way of health care."

As is evident by her seemingly limitless range of interests, Cyndy enjoys experiencing as much as life has to offer. Consequently, she took on every opportunity the dental hygiene program presented to her. This included participating in the school's two-week Grenfell Mission internship program in St. Anthony, Newfoundland.

"I was really open to the experience," says Cyndy. "What struck me most was the really strong sense of community there. Perhaps it's because of my profession, but the hospital seemed to be a real focal point for the community. And when there's an event, everyone participates. The winter carnival, winter sports, bingo...I



guess the winters are so long, you'd go crazy if you didn't stay active."

Cyndy was also surprised by the international flavor of the medical community in northern Newfoundland. "It's a real neutral territory," explains Cyndy. "You don't have to be licensed under Canadian standards to work there. It's a big teaching hospital, and medical professionals come from all over the world to gain experience."

Back in Halifax, Cyndy remained very active in student life. "Of all the student societies I've been involved with," says Cyndy, "the dental hygiene student society has definitely been the most active."

Cyndy participated in the school's community care programs at Harbourview School and Mount St. Vincent's motherhouse, national dental hygiene week, a health professions night, and a table clinic examining the issue of the self-regulation of dental hygienists in Nova Scotia. This table clinic advocated the self-regulation of dental hygienists and the lobbying of government for access to long-term care facilities. Cyndy sees it as an important issue for the future of the profession.

And how long does Cyndy plan to practice this profession before exploring her next area of interest?

"I'll stay for awhile," smiles Cyndy. "It's a neat time in the profession. We're moving ahead politically."

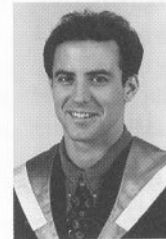
Since graduation, Cyndy has been practicing her newly acquired skills in dental hygiene in Saint John, New Brunswick. It is there that she lives with her husband, who works in the forestry industry. ♪

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## Ian McDougall

Ian McDougall really takes the phrase "be all that you can be" to heart.

The freshly minted dental school graduate didn't just learn how to fill cavities while he was working towards his doctor of dental surgery degree.



He swam competitively for Dal, was co-captain of the varsity swim team last year, ran triathlons, volunteered at the IWK Hospital, managed the dentistry student lounge, was a bicycle courier in Australia - and for a couple of summers, he led a coast guard rescue boat.

He says he and his two-person team mostly towed boats that ran out of gas, but they also plucked a few people out of the ocean. "We pulled some sailors out of the water once. They were pretty cold and pretty glad to see us."

The 26-year-old Sydney, N.S., native tells the story in his laid-back, aw-shucks fashion. It's a trait that would put any patient at ease and no doubt has helped him to cope with the varied demands of his eight years at university.

McDougall already holds an undergraduate science degree from Dalhousie. Before entering dentistry school, he took a year off "to clear my head". What better way to do that than to fly to Australia and New Zealand with a couple of your favorite bikes in the cargo hold. He spent ten months down under, cycling, camping or staying with a friend who was working there. When money ran short, he got a job as a bicycle courier.

McDougall says he had always been somewhat interested in a dental career, and after he took the plunge, he was sure. Now he can't wait to get out and set up his own practice. "I really enjoy the work. I enjoy working in people's mouths. I don't know if people will believe that, but I do." \* ♪



# Project Open Wide

## Lending a Helping Hand '95

**W**HETHER TIMES ARE tough or not, there exists at all times in our society an element of the population for whom dental care - any dental care at all - is an unattainable luxury. Lending a helping hand to as many of these individuals as possible was the focus for the planners of Project Open Wide '95.

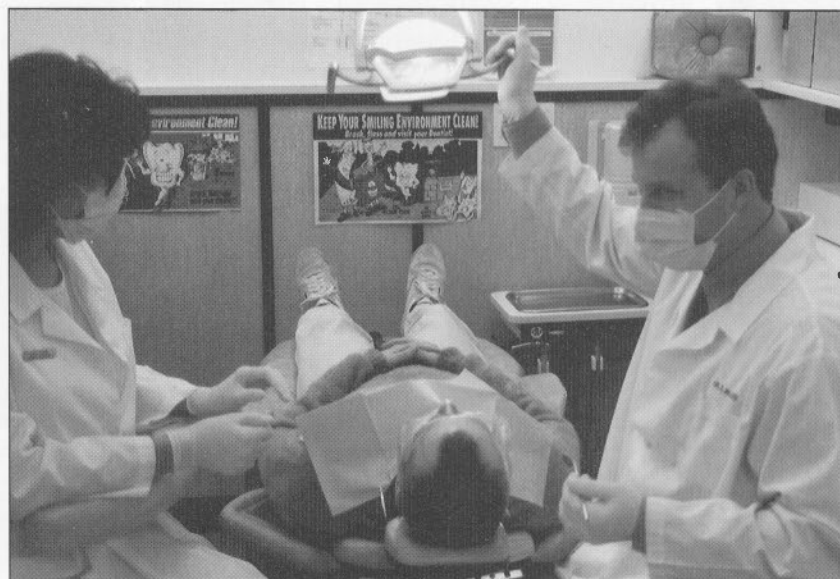
Last year's open public clinic was held in recognition of World Oral Health Day, and featured free dental assessments for anyone who attended. As the focus for 1995 shifted to the less fortunate in our population, the treatment shifted as well to include exams, oral health education, scaling and prophylaxis, extractions, temporary fillings, amalgams, resins and sealants, root canal treatments and x-rays. The increased need for supplies necessary to carry out all of these procedures was picked up by suppliers who donated materials and use of equipment. Volunteers were sought out for the services - dentists, specialists, dental hygienists, dental assistants, students and Nova Scotia Dental Association and Dalhousie staff - many gave up their whole day on Saturday, April 29th, to make the event happen.

Non-profit and community service agencies were contacted prior to Project Open Wide '95 in order to inform them of the free treatment day. Public service announcements were broadcast on television and radio, and an advertisement appeared in the Chronicle-Herald newspaper. Phoenix House, Bryony House, Hope Cottage, Alice Housing, Adsum House, the AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia, Veith House and the Single Parent Centre were all glad to provide word of the clinic to the people they serve. Halifax Mayor Walter Fitzgerald arrived at the clinic for a personal tour of the facility and a first-hand view of the work being done.

In all, over 200 dental procedures were logged by the volunteers who helped scores of people out of the dental pain and discomfort they were experiencing. ↓

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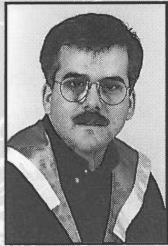
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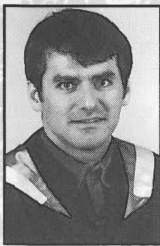
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# Spring Convocation

## Dentistry Graduates



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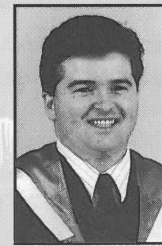
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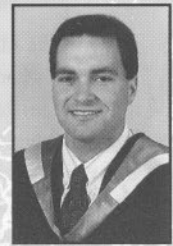
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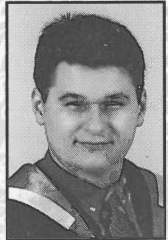
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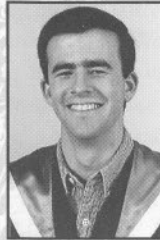
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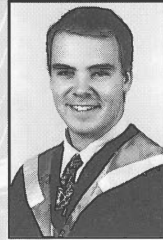
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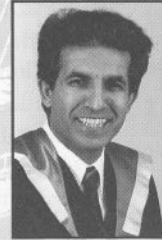
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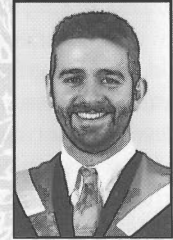
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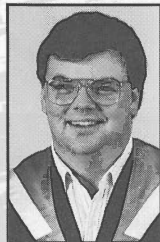
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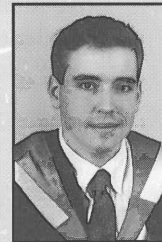
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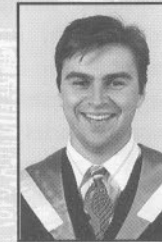
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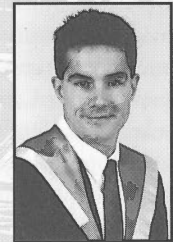
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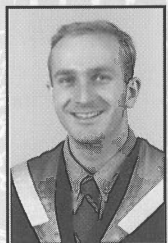
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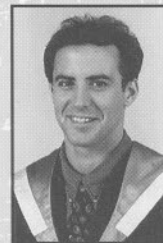
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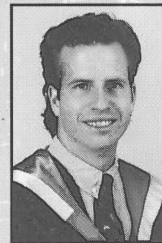
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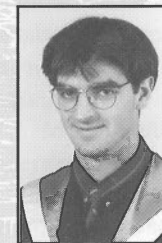
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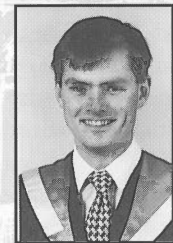
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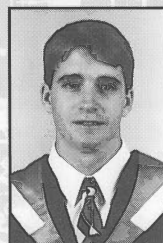
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# Spring Convocation

## Dental Hygiene Graduates



Joan Angevine



Stacy Benedict



Dawn Benoit



Jacinta Bowie



Charmaine Brow



Kim Buchanan



Jocelyn Burke



Kelly Byrne



Steve Cameron



Karla Coughlan



Nathalie Courtemanche



Cheryl Cruz-Melanson



Melanié D'Entremont



Shauna Deveaux



Julie Dort



Amy Gough



Cyndy Grant



Patricia Gregg



Terri Harris



Cheryl Jacquard



Lisa Jones



Jennifer Macfie



Michelle Matchett



Jeryl Morton



Tina Paulin



Irene Phillipio



Scott Rhude



Hollie Sewell



Lana Smith



Theresa Stapleton



Pennie Strickland



Megan Stuart



Denise Thibault



Nancy Trainor



Rebecca Weston



Heidi Willett

*Congratulations to our  
Dental Hygiene Graduates of 1995!*



Stacey Young

## Student Awards

Each year, a number of awards are presented to outstanding dentistry and dental hygiene students in the Faculty of Dentistry. The following individuals in this year's graduating classes were recipients of these awards.

### Dentistry

*American Association of Endodontists Prize*  
Ian McDougall  
*American Academy of Oral Medicine Prize*  
Marcia Urdang  
*American Society of Dentistry for Children Prize*  
Suzanne Lang  
*Canadian Academy of Periodontology Prize*  
Allan Keith Piercey  
*Canadian Associated Laboratories Ltd. Prize*  
Allan Jeff Hackett  
*Canadian Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons Prize*  
Brian Trites  
*CDA President's Award*  
Andrew Halpin  
*Modern Dental Laboratory Prize*  
Kirk Preston  
*Prince Edward Island Dental Association Prize*  
Allan Keith Piercey  
*Quintessence Award*  
Behruz Heydari  
*Quintessence Award*  
Deborah Manning  
*University Medal in Dentistry*  
Suzanne Lang  
*Dr. Frank Woodbury Memorial Prize*  
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Suzanne Lang  
*Dr. Frank Woodbury Memorial Prize*  
Kirk Preston  
*Dr. William Woodbury Memorial Prize*  
Susette Instrum

### Dental Hygiene

*Katie Lubetzki Memorial Prize (Donated by NSDHA)*  
Karla Coughlan  
*Nova Scotia Dental Hygienists Association Prize*  
Cynthia Grant  
*Columbia Dentoform Prize*  
Stacy Benedict  
*Nova Scotia Dental Hygienists Association (best table clinic presentation)*  
Cheryl Jacquard and Julie Dort  
*(second best table clinic presentation)*  
Shauna Deveaux and Stacy Benedict  
*Anne Rafuse Memorial Prize*  
Jocelyn Burke  
*Alice Hartlen Memorial Prize*  
Kelly Byrne and Terri Harris  
*Halifax County Dental Society Prize*  
Karla Coughlan

# Dental Hygiene Grad Class Challenge

**T**HE DALHOUSIE GRAD CLASS CHALLENGE IS A STUDENT-RUN initiative where graduating students from each faculty work together to choose a project that best represents the academic needs of their area, and then raise funds necessary to meet those needs. Not only does this help to fill some of the many gaps in faculty budgets, but it also encourages new graduates to join Dalhousie's tradition of Annual Fund support.

The dental hygiene class of 1995 wanted to provide something for the school, but more importantly, something that would benefit the students. The class decided to purchase a titan handpiece to be used in the clinic, at a cost of \$370. Although a single titan handpiece didn't seem like a significant contribution, if anyone in second year dental hygiene was asked what was always in short supply in the clinic, the answer was a titan!

During the past two years, the dental hygiene class of 1995 raised money through various activities for the purpose of graduation events and activities. Through active student involvement, the class was able to raise a considerable sum. Rather than class members donating to the Grad Class Challenge individually, a lump sum was donated from the class fund, and individual tax receipts were issued. Since the board of governors at Dalhousie matches the amount pledged, the total contribution from the dental hygiene class of 1995 to the Annual Fund was \$740.

It is important to recognize that the Annual Fund is a means for graduates to give something back to their school and to potential graduates. ♪

## Children's Dental Survey

**N**OVA SCOTIA CHILDREN won't just be getting their exams graded when they head back to school this fall. Their gums and teeth will also be getting grades. Dentists will be taking portable dental chairs and equipment into schools across the province to test children's oral health.

Poor dental care for children can cause developmental, medical, and nutritional problems.

"Two to three dentists will be hired full-time to go to different schools in the province and examine the children," said Dr. Amid Ismail, chairman of pediatric and community dentistry at Dalhousie University. "We will select random samples of schoolchildren in Grades 1, 6 and 9. All total, it will be about 4,000 kids," said Dr. Ismail, who is heading the \$330,000 survey.

Health Canada has contributed \$257,000 to the 10-month oral health survey of Nova Scotia children and adolescents. The study has also received \$30,000 from the provincial

Department of Health; \$40,000 from Dalhousie University's Faculty of Dentistry, and \$3,000 from the Nova Scotia dental association. When complete, it will give specific information on levels of tooth decay, gum disease, and orthodontic problems in children in each of Nova Scotia's four health regions.

Nova Scotia spends about \$10 million on its school dental hygiene programs and dental insurance program, which covers the cost of dental care for children 12 years of age and under. However, the province has no information on how good or bad children's teeth are.

The survey, which will include every school board in the province, follows a pilot survey done last year in 20 schools in Lunenburg and Dartmouth. That study, also carried out by Dr. Ismail, found low levels of tooth decay and gum disease in most children tested, but found certain pockets of children had extremely high levels of dental disease. ♪

# Doctor of Laws degree (honoris causa)

**L**EESHA ZED HAS BEEN A provincial and national leader in dental care. Born in Saint John, New Brunswick, he obtained a Bachelor of Science degree from St. Francis Xavier in 1951 and his doctor of dental surgery from the University of Toronto School of Dentistry in 1957. He has served as the president of both the Saint John dental society and the New Brunswick dental society. In the early 1970's, he initiated the dental department at St. Joseph's Hospital in Saint John and was chief of dentistry there from 1974 to 1993. During his term, he pioneered the formation of the first dental audit committee in Canada, a committee that today serves as a fundamental requirement of any hospital system in this country.

As a director of the national dental examining board of Canada for five

years, Dr. Zed represented New Brunswick in developing guidelines and protocols for graduates preparing for board certification. During his 38-year dental career, he has held membership in numerous national and international associations.

Although not an alumnus of Dalhousie, until now, Leesha Zed has been a long-standing supporter of this university through his children. The seven Zed children have earned a total of 18 degrees and had 57 years of university training, 14 degrees and 47 years of which were at Dalhousie. Two of his children, Susan and Christopher, are dentists.

The Faculty of Dentistry at Dalhousie congratulates Leesha Zed on the distinction of receiving the Doctor of Laws degree, and wishes him well in his future endeavors. ⚓

**Dr. Leesha Zed**



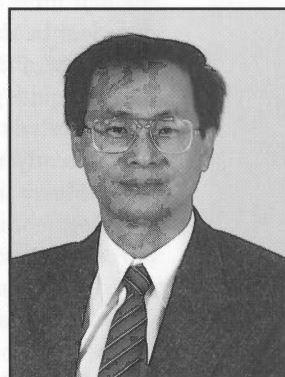
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## Faculty Appointment

**T**HE FACULTY OF DENTISTRY IS PLEASED to announce the appointment of a new associate professor to its staff. Dr. Song F. Lee, associate professor of Oral Biology, Microbiology and Immunology, brings his interest in researching bacteria causing dental caries to Dalhousie.

Originally from Malaysia, Dr. Lee first came to Canada in 1979, when he began his studies at the University of Guelph, where he completed his bachelor's degree and doctorate in microbiology. From there he moved to the University of Florida's College of Dentistry where he pursued two years of post-doctoral work. It was there that he started research related to dentistry, with his work in bacteria causing dental caries. Upon concluding that post-doctorate, Dr. Lee returned to the University of Guelph as a research associate to pursue a second post-doctorate.

In 1991, Dr. Lee accepted a position as assistant professor in the department of oral biology at the University of Manitoba's Faculty of Dentistry. In 1994, he accepted an associate professorship at Dalhousie's Faculty of Dentistry in the Departments of Oral Biology and Microbiology and Immunology. Dr. Lee teaches microbiology and infectious diseases to first year dental students, and will be teaching a



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**Dr. Song F. Lee**

similar course to dental hygiene students in a year or two.

Dr. Lee has just received funding from the medical research council of Canada to continue his research with bacteria associated with dental caries. The main theme of his research has been the studies of the biochemistry and molecular biology of surface proteins of Gram-positive bacteria. There is preliminary evidence in part of his research to suggest helping cells eliminate cell-bound antibodies. His research will continue in this direction.

The Faculty of Dentistry is pleased to have Dr. Lee on staff. ⚓

## Dentistry's Class Agent Program

Dentistry has begun a process of contacting its alumni through class agents in order to promote communication, fund raising, reunions and student support activities here at the school.

The program has met with very good success, and agents have been recruited for 38 of the 47 classes we plan to contact. This spring, class agents were asked to send out a letter to their classmates, via the Dentistry alumni office. This is a letter concerning the Dentistry Annual Fund, and the letters are being sent out to classes as we receive them.

Becoming a class agent involves contacting your classmates by letter once or twice a year. Clerical support and postage are provided by the Dentistry alumni office. If you are a member of the Class of '51, '52, '53, '54, '57, '60, '74 or '81 and would like to be the agent for your class, please contact Marg Redden at 902-494-7139, fax 494-2527, or email [marg@ac.dal.ca](mailto:marg@ac.dal.ca).

Our thanks go out to the new class agents for their willingness and cooperation in volunteering their time and energy to help the Faculty stay in touch with its alumni.

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# Northern Exposure

## Dental Hygiene Students in St. Anthony, Nfld.

ONE OF THE MOST enriching aspects of a dental hygienist's education at Dalhousie may come from the community health program in St. Anthony, Newfoundland. A few Dalhousie dental hygiene students are given the unique opportunity to provide dental hygiene care to patients in the most northern community of Newfoundland each winter.

St. Anthony is a community far removed from the hectic life of a city. It is a small town of 3000 people, serving an area of approximately 10,000. Professor Joanne Clovis, Director of the School of Dental Hygiene and coordinator of the program, describes some of the benefits of the students' experience.

"Because of its remote location, students are given the opportunity to work with many more patients with much more varied dental problems than they would here," explains Prof. Clovis. "It is an excellent intermediate step for the students who go for the two-week period. There is less teaching and more practice, closer to what they will be doing when they graduate. Many of the students enjoy it and become quite productive."

Jocelyn Burke is one student who recently accepted this educational, and very rewarding challenge of learning about dental hygiene in northern Newfoundland.

"It's a service that the people there really need," says Jocelyn. "The dentists are so backed up they don't have time to spend cleaning teeth and performing routine dental hygiene care. That means the student dental hygienists are really busy. I completed 27 patients in the two weeks I was in St. Anthony," continues Jocelyn. "That's more than half of the patients I completed my whole year in Halifax."

The dental hygiene student externship program was developed in conjunction with Grenfell regional

health services. The Grenfell regional health services board provides an integrated health service for the people of northern Newfoundland and Labrador. It evolved from the international Grenfell association and is dedicated to continuing the health service work begun by Sir Wilfred Grenfell.

The healthcare centre in St. Anthony is the Charles S. Curtis Memorial Hospital, the central hospital in the Grenfell regional health services area. The region's dental clinic employs three full-time dentists and is also the base for the South Labrador traveling dentist. As yet, the clinic does not employ a full-time dental hygienist, but that's not to say they don't need one.

When asked what struck her the most about dental hygiene in northern Newfoundland, Jocelyn responded: "They thought getting your teeth done was like having a manicure," exclaimed Jocelyn. "They considered dental work more cosmetic than a routine form of health care. In fact, their major idea of dental health care is having extractions done. The dentists are so busy, they don't have time to spend as much time cleaning teeth as they would like to."

So when the dental hygiene students are scheduled to arrive from Dalhousie, the ten-week period is booked solid in anticipation of their arrival. The patients know when the students are coming and are eager to have their teeth cared for.

Overall, the program is deemed a success by the School of Dental Hygiene, Grenfell regional health services, the patients, and most importantly, the students who participate. It is a unique experience that the students will carry with them for the rest of their careers. ♪

# Annual Fund Report

## 1994

**A**LUMNI AND FRIENDS of the Faculty of Dentistry were very generous during the 1994 Annual Fund, which completed another successful year on March 31, 1995. Approximately 650 alumni, friends, parents, faculty, students and staff made contributions totaling \$73,385, a five percent increase over last year. Dean Bill MacInnis is very pleased that the Faculty of Dentistry can boast a 39 percent participation rate, and while we do not produce the highest dollar volume at Dal, our increased donor giving is significant.

### 1818 Society

Dalhousie has a long tradition of support from its alumni dating back to the late 19th century. In 1890, a conference was held with alumni to discuss Dalhousie's finances. The University had not received the financial support it needed from government and, because Dalhousie was non-denominational, unlike the other five Nova Scotia universities, it lacked the backing of any church. Thus, a campaign was initiated with the goal of raising \$50,000. This was the beginning of alumni financial support. That tradition of giving continues today in the form of the Annual Fund.

One aspect of the Annual Fund is the 1818 Society. The 1818 Society began in 1988 as a way of encouraging alumni and friends of Dalhousie to consider substantial contributions to the University on a regular basis. 1818, of course, refers to the year Dalhousie University was founded.

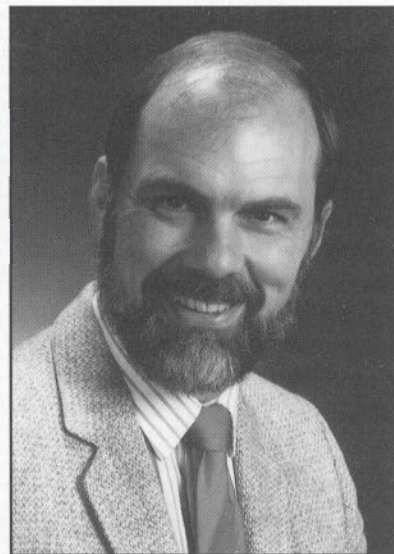
### Grad Class Challenge

The tradition of annual giving to Dalhousie is beginning early with the development of the Grad Class Challenge. This program is a student-driven initiative which encourages students in their graduating year to contribute to the Annual Fund. The Class of '95 was asked to donate over three years, with the first pledge being \$19.95. The graduating dental hygiene

class had 100 percent participation this year, donating funds to purchase a titan handpiece for the clinic. This early tradition of support bodes well for the future of alumni giving, at a time when private annual support is critical to the operations of the Dental School.

Donations made to Dentistry through the 1994 Annual Fund can be clearly seen and felt throughout the school. Three summer students were hired for summer employment in the Faculty, and a second installment was made to the clinical research unit for active research. As well, 87 years of class photos were framed and mounted on the walls of the fifth floor, alumni pins were given to grads at the faculty dinner in March, computer equipment and software were purchased, and funds were used to sponsor lunch for the many volunteers who worked at Project Open Wide. Alumni also sponsored reunions held for the Classes of '50 and '55, and the convocation reception for dentistry and dental hygiene graduates and their families and friends. Susan Laite, a public relations student from Mount St. Vincent University, was hired for a work project to assist in compiling articles for this magazine. As well, this magazine, the CDA alumni reception in Ottawa, and the Dean's reception for first year dental students were all funded with generous donations from our alumni. With many thanks, we continue our effort to maintain contact with our alumni and to keep you informed.

The following is a list of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene alumni who made a donation to the 1994 Annual Fund. Also listed are 1818 Society donors (those who donated \$1000 or more), Friends of Dalhousie, Class of 1994 Grad Class Gifts, donors to endowment funds, and gifts made by alumni to areas other than dentistry. Gifts from dental alumni to the Annual Fund are sorted by giving levels. Please let us know if you or your gift(s) are not acknowledged correctly. ↴



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# Eye on Endowments

## a look at the Faculty of Dentistry's endowment program

**T**HE MARITIME DENTAL College was established in 1907 with funds donated by the Nova Scotia dental association. Since those first days, sources of private financial support have continued to play a vital role within the Faculty; establishing academic scholarships, bursaries, lecture series and the many book prizes awarded to students each year. The objectives of these funds differ, but all exist to facilitate an environment of academic excellence. As tuition and other costs associated with higher education continue to rise, the availability of scholarships and bursaries becomes an increasingly important factor in attracting top quality students to a university.

Many past student and faculty members maintain a relationship with the dental school by contributing to or establishing their own endowment funds. Over the years, a significant number of new funds have been created. Unfortunately, for a variety of reasons, some of these endowments are no longer able to fulfill their original objectives. Obsolescence as a result of curriculum changes, restrictions placed on the funds by the original terms and insufficient capital have all contributed to this problem.

We have examined the state of our endowments and, recognizing their importance in providing financial support to students and faculty, we are committed to revitalizing these funds. Two endowments have been selected by the Faculty for immediate attention. These are the Dr. James P. McGuigan Memorial Scholarship and the Dr. J. D. McLean Scholarship. The awards committee would like to build the principal of both of these funds to levels exceeding \$60,000. Currently, these endowments are funded at \$13,000 and \$27,690 respectively.

The Dr. James P. McGuigan Memorial Scholarship was established in 1983 with a donation from the Nova Scotia dental association. The purpose of this fund is to provide annual

entrance scholarships to academically accomplished students who are residents of the Atlantic provinces and show evidence of financial need.

The J.D. McLean Scholarship was designed to be awarded as a scholarship for a dental student (any year) maintaining a grade point average of not less than 3.0 and who, in the opinion of the academic awards committee, merits this scholarship. In 1991, the class of 1965 made a significant contribution to this fund when they agreed to combine the Class of '65 fund with this scholarship.

In the interest of avoiding any confusion, it should be made clear that a donation to an endowment fund is not a gift to the Annual Fund. Annual Fund money supports special projects, events, scholarships, summer research positions and the purchase of new equipment. Annual Fund totals are also important when soliciting corporate gifts and launching a capital campaign. Therefore, it is critical that the renewal of the endowments not occur at the expense of our Annual Fund campaign. One suggestion for avoiding this problem, is for grad class reunion years to adopt a fund and make a special project of contributing to that fund during their anniversary year.

### Information if you are considering establishing a new endowment (named):

Gifts large and small are welcomed by the university. However, the contributions should be sufficient enough to accomplish the purpose of the gift. At Dalhousie, the following amounts have been approved by the development committee of the board of governors as minimum contributions to establish a named fund:

Fund	Principal	Annual income available for spending
Prize Fund	\$ 5,000	\$ 250
Book Fund	\$ 7,500	\$ 375
Bursary	\$ 15,000	\$ 750
Undergraduate Scholarship	\$ 20,000	\$ 1,000
Lecture Fund	\$ 40,000	\$ 2,000
Equipment	\$100,000	\$ 5,000

Under special circumstances, particularly in cases of memorial gift accounts, a fund may be established with less than the required amount with the understanding that additional gifts will be made. It is recommended, however, that the university not create separate endowment accounts with gifts totaling less than \$5,000.

Gifts for an anticipated endowment may accumulate over a two-year period. If, after two years, the required minimum has not been accumulated, development office staff will contact the appropriate departments and the individuals responsible for the fund. Unless the minimum is expected to be raised within an additional six month period, the fund will be directed to another endowed fund with a purpose that is compatible with the donor's original objectives.

If a bequest is received for a designated purpose and the level of funding does not meet the minimum requirements as approved, the earnings should be re-capitalized until such time as the principal reaches the minimum level.

The donor may stipulate the terms of the endowment, but should consult with staff at the university's development office to ensure that the university will be able to administer the fund as directed.

For more information or assistance in drafting the terms, please contact Charlotte Sutherland or Tom Boran('78) at the following addresses:

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Halifax, Nova Scotia  
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Dr. Tom Boran, Chair  
Academic Awards Committee  
Faculty of Dentistry  
Dalhousie University  
B3H 3J5 (902) 494-1911

**Endowed prizes, scholarships, bursaries and others currently being awarded:**

*Alice Hartlen Memorial Prize*

Second year dental hygiene student, greatest originality and creativity in community projects

*Anne Rafuse Memorial Prize*

Second year dental hygiene student for greatest academic and social contribution to class

*Charles Bell Memorial Prize*

First and second year for highest and second highest grade point average/total

*Dr. W.H.H. Beckwith Prize*

Third year dentistry student for greatest proficiency in clinical operative dentistry

*Dr. Bruce Fergusson Memorial Prize*

Established in 1993 by family, friends and colleagues. Third year dentistry student for exceptional leadership, character, scholarship, and outstanding personal qualities

*Liza Van Alpine Memorial Award*

Established by classmates in 1984 in memory of first year dental hygiene student for sound academic standing, professional excellence, integrity and sincerity

*Third Year Clinical Comprehensive Patient Care III Prize*

Established in 1979 by alumnus. Third year dentistry student for greatest proficiency in clinical comprehensive patient care III.

*Dr. D.E. Williams Prize*

Established by the class of 1955 in 1981. Third year dentistry student for greatest proficiency in clinical pediatric dentistry.

*Dr. William Woodbury Memorial Prize*

Established by family and estate in 1970. Fourth year dentistry student for greatest proficiency in orthodontics.

*Dr. I.K. Lubetsky Scholarship*

Third year dentistry student for greatest proficiency in the practice of clinical oral surgery

*J.D. McLean Scholarship*

Designed to be awarded as a scholarship for a dental student (any year) who, in the opinion of the academic awards committee, merits this scholarship. In 1991, the class of 1965 made a significant contribution to this fund when they agreed to combine the class of '65 fund with this scholarship.

*Dr. James P. McGuigan Memorial Scholarship*

Annual entrance scholarship to an academically accomplished student who is a resident of the Atlantic provinces and who shows evidence of actual financial need

*Dr. I.K. Lubetsky Memorial Bursary*

Second year dentistry student, financial need, scholarship and character

*Sidney Campbell Memorial Bursary*

Initiated by the class of 1960 in 1980. Third year dentistry student, financial need, scholarship and character.

*Elias Bursary*

Student in second, third or fourth year of the dentistry program who has demonstrated financial need. Academic achievement is to be a sec-

ondary consideration with preference given to a hard-working married student who achieves an average in dentistry in the area of 70 percent or the equivalent in the marking system in effect.

*Kate MacDonald Bursary*

Second year dental hygiene student, financial need, deserving character and scholarship

*Aarabelle MacKenzie MacCallum Bursary*

Must be a bona fide resident of and domiciled in the County of Victoria, Province of Nova Scotia and that the character and need of the applicant shall be the main criteria. May be renewed for the same recipient for a period of up to four years.

*Dr. D. Brendan MacNeil Bursary*

Established by family of the late Donald Brendan MacNeil. Income from fund will be awarded annually to a fourth year student who shows evidence of actual financial need, and shows by scholarship and attitude towards his professional responsibilities, has met the requirements for the award.

*Dr. F.L. Miller Bursary Fund*

Instituted by the Fredericton Dental Society in memory of Dr. F.L. "Lou" Miller. Second year dental student who has demonstrated financial need. Preference will be given to, but will not strictly be limited to, a New Brunswick student.

*Jennifer Wright Memorial Bursary*

Second year dental hygiene, financial need, preference given to Nova Scotia students

*John Dobson Memorial Fund*

The fund was set up by the Dobson family to perpetuate the memory of Dr. John Dobson, a member of this faculty for many years. The income from said fund is to provide educational and cultural enrichment to the student body by providing suitable non-dental reading material and works of art for the student lounge and to arrange lectures for the students as funds permit.

*Class of 1959 Memorial Fund*

The interest to be used to invite special clinicians to speak to the students on current dental research and materials

*Dental Student Assistance Fund*

Initiated by the class of 1959 in June 1984, the income was designed to be used to assist a dental student who has urgent need for financial help in the case of emergency or compassionate need

*Gladys Littler Fund*

Funds to be used to purchase or make videotapes of clinical significance. The reference library to be set up in close association with the clinic.

*John P. Laba Memorial Fund*

Initiated by family, friends, patients and colleagues. Dentist accepted in the graduate program in oral and maxillofacial surgery for the exclusive use for presentation, dissemination and/or publication of research related to oral and maxillofacial surgery.

*John MacConnachie Fund*

Fund a perpetual lectureship in operative/bio-materials, open to all students and faculty. ⚓

## Fall/Winter 1995 Continuing Education Courses



September 8-9

*How to do Selective Orthodontics in the  
General Practice*

September 29

*The Dentist and Ethical Decision Making*

September 30

*Everything you Wanted to Know About  
Street Drugs but were Afraid to Ask*

October 14

*Advanced Periodontal Instrumentation*

October 14

*Latest in Cosmetic Dentistry*

October 21

*A Review of Current Endodontic Concepts  
and a Review of the Cracked Tooth  
Syndrome*

October 28

*Older Dental Patients: Clinical Challenges  
and Practical Approaches*

November 3-4

*How to do Selective Orthodontics in the  
General Practice*

November 4

*Infection Control*

November 18

*Rationale for Antibiotics in Periodontics*

December 2

*Bonded Restorations: How to Make an  
Informed Choice in Selecting Materials and  
Techniques*

January 12-13

*Assessment and Management of Medical  
and Dental Emergencies*

January 12-13

*Oral Surgical Solutions to Help the  
Clinician Solve Common Clinical  
Problems for the Dental Patient*

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Please contact Dentistry CE office for  
details at (902)494-1674

# Class Reunions

**A**s part of the Dentistry alumni association's mission to enhance its relationship with its alumni, we are encouraging classes who are approaching their 25th, 40th, 45th or 50th reunion year to (re)visit the dental school as part of their reunion activities.

This year, the Class of '55 organized a reunion weekend in Halifax. Their class totaled 14 with spouses and friends, and their reunion activities included an invitation to dentistry's convocation reception, along with a luncheon at the school on May 26, 1995, hosted by Frank Lovely ('59) and Bill MacInnis ('70). The group enjoyed their time on campus, and they posed for a group photo and took a tour of the dental clinic while they were here. It was obvious that these classmates enjoy each others' company and have a good time wherever they meet. Kira Obrascova, the only female in the Class of '55, was and is still up to the challenge of being the brunt of friendly jokes!

On July 21, 1995, the Class of '50 met at the school for an afternoon wine and cheese reception with Frank Lovely and Bill MacInnis. Their group

totaled seven and they traveled to Dalhousie from Newfoundland,

Shaws assemble trailers, provide rooms, food and a waterfront complete with jetskis, motor boats, waterslide and canoes. The purpose of the ritual is to provide an opportunity for the children of the classmates to develop acquaintances and friendships, and to allow the parents to witness the spectacle of the children growing up. Great fun is had by all who are able to attend.

The Class of '85 met for their tenth year reunion at Digby Pines on July 21-22, 1995.

The Class of '56 is being contacted about a possible reunion next year by Norman Layton (902-893-3100).

The Class of '67 is planning a continuing education/reunion gathering in PEI in early July 1997; please contact Brom Hart (902-422-2752).

The Class of '87 is planning a 10th year reunion in the spring

of 1997; Jeff Bonang is the contact at 902-435-5290. ⚓

*If your class is planning a reunion and would like address labels, a school tour, or other assistance, please contact Marg Redden at 902-494-7139, fax 494-2527, or email [marg@ac.dal.ca](mailto:marg@ac.dal.ca). We'll be happy to help.*



**Class of '50** Left to right, back row: Frank Lovely ('59), Ian MacDonald ('50), Lorraine Spracklin, Bill MacInnis ('70), Walter Cook ('50), Marguerite Cook, David Peters ('50), Ed Spracklin ('50); front row: Ken Kerr ('50)



**Class of '55** Left to right, back row: Gus Prentice ('55), Bill MacInnis ('70), Hy Sable ('55), Sandy Hoffman ('55), Bob Armstrong, Doug Elsner ('55), Ralph Bull ('55), Bruce Ross ('55); front row: Ivor Hamilton ('55), Marlene Sable, Sandra Hoffman, Kira Obrascova ('55), Jackie Elsner, Rosemary Bull, Elizabeth Bednar, Frank Lovely ('59)

Ontario and Alberta. Their class combined their own activities with the annual Dalhousie reunion weekend, which gave them a full slate of activities. Ken Kerr was in attendance and spent some time reminiscing with some of his former students.

The Class of '76 met, as they have for the past 11 summers, at the riverside home of Terry and Bente Shaw in Perth Andover, New Brunswick. The

# Annual Faculty Dinner

**T**HE ANNUAL FACULTY dinner was held on Saturday, March 25, 1995 at the World Trade and Convention Centre in Halifax. This alumni sponsored event honouring the graduating dentistry class of 1995 was attended by more than 100 full and part time faculty, students and alumni.

A string quartet provided music during the reception and also played while the three course dinner was served. The seating plan was military mess style which proved to be a great success in facilitating conversation. After dinner, a few brief presentations were made. Elaine Gordon ('69), Terry Ingham ('62) and Frank Lovely ('59) presented the fourth year dental class with gold Dalhousie pins. Two graduating students, Katrina Sawler and Brian Trites, presented Gorman Doyle ('80) with the clinical teaching award.

The guest speaker was Patricia Smith, director general of the G-7 programs. Ms. Smith spoke about the logistics of preparing for an international event of this magnitude. Her talk was especially relevant as she was able to tell us that the room we were dining in would be transformed into a briefing and makeup room for the 2000 correspondents covering the Summit.

The highlight of the evening came when Frank Lovely spoke about the history of dentistry at Dalhousie. He was joined by John Christie ('72) and Terry Ingham in presenting the pictorial history of the graduating classes to the dean and the Faculty. This collection of framed class composites dating back to 1912 can now be viewed on the fifth floor of the dentistry building. Funding for this special project was provided by the dentistry annual fund and the Dalhousie alumni association.

Special thanks are extended to Elaine Gordon and the third year dental students for providing the festive

black and gold decorations and flowers. Thanks also go out to Patterson, .CAL, Unident and Ash Temple laboratories, along with the dental students' society, who provided financial support for this event.

Next year's annual faculty dinner has been tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 30, 1996. ⚓

**"The highlight of the evening came when Frank Lovely spoke about the history of dentistry at Dalhousie."**



Guests enjoying themselves are Dr. Cunningham, Stuart MacDonald ('95), Krista Underhill ('95), Kim Wenn ('95), Dr. Lyttle, Colin Duffy ('95).



Dana Coles receives her alumni pin from Elaine Gordon ('69), president of the Dalhousie alumni association, with Frank Lovely ('59), right, looking on

# Dental Hygiene Dinner

**T**HE FIRST DENTAL hygiene dinner was held on April 1, 1995 at the World Trade and Convention Centre. Faculty from both the School of Dental Hygiene and the Faculty of Dentistry, along with invited guests, were in attendance.

The evening began with a warm welcome by Jocelyn Burke, president of the dental hygiene class, and Marilyn Kinnear ('70) proposed a toast to the graduating class. At the end of a delicious meal, Joanne Clovis, Director, School of Dental Hygiene, introduced the guest speaker, Audrey Newcombe, RDH, of Tyne Valley, PEI. Audrey proved to be an entertaining element to the evening!

Afterwards, Shauna Deveaux and Lisa Jones presented faculty/instructor appreciation awards, and delighted the crowd with their renditions of situations pertaining to each instructor and faculty member.

Lovely fresh-cut flowers were presented to clinical coordinators Marilyn Kinnear and Nancy Neish, by Nathalie Courtemanche and Karla Coughlan. Jocelyn Burke presented Joanne Clovis with flowers, as well. Cyndy Grant, class vice-president, ended the evening's formalities with her touching closing remarks. A dance began shortly thereafter, and the evening proved to be a great success.



Karla Coughlan (DH'95), Joanne Clovis and Nathalie Courtemanche (DH'95)

**“faculty from both the School of Dental Hygiene and the Faculty of Dentistry, along with invited guests, were in attendance”**



**Guests include:** Shauna Deveaux (DH'95), Kate MacDonald, Nancy Neish (DH'74), Terry Mitchell (DH'78), Glenda Butt (DH'69), Marilyn Kinnear (DH'70), Pat Grant (DH'72), Cara Tax, Joanne Clovis, Lisa Jones (DH'95)

# Book Reviews

## Lightning, Champagne and Silverware

by Shelia Blagrove (reprinted with permission from the Mount Allison Record, Winter 1995)

Dr. Don Barry Stephenson died last year at the age of 46, but not before he'd lived a life full of adventure. His book, *Lightning, Champagne and Silverware*, published posthumously this fall by Lancelot Press, recounts some of his sailing adventures. Marvelously entertaining, his accounts describe three different sailing adventures, but they are just the tip of the iceberg in a life that was rich with excitement, change and humor.

He earned two degrees from Mount Allison - a B.A. in geology in 1969, and a B.Ed. in 1970. At Mount A, he was an accomplished athlete, swimming the butterfly for the varsity team for five years. After his years at Mount A, he worked as a geologist with Falconbridge Mines in Rhodesia and as a chief mine geologist with West Driefontein Mines in South Africa. Before returning to Canada, he traveled with his wife Janice on a trip around the world, "pursuing adventures."

Back in Canada, he earned a dentistry degree in 1979 from the Dalhousie Dental School, and later specialized in orthodontics. He had a successful dental practice, was a Maritime squash champion representing Nova Scotia at the national level in the 70's, was a marksman and a runner in the Nova Scotia marathon, and a devoted family man with four children.

His favorite diversion was always sailing, and his book, written with fellow sailor Ray Staszko, takes readers on an ill-fated trip to Bermuda aboard *The Solace* in 1979; on a successful, even glorious sail from Portugal across the Atlantic in 1990 aboard a 24-foot sloop; and on a victorious run in the famous Marblehead Yacht Race in 1991 on his much loved schooner, *The William Moir*.

Two of these adventures took place after he had been given a grim prognosis. In the prologue to his book, Don writes, "They say that when a sailor climbs to the top of the mast, he is as close to heaven as he will ever get. In the spring of 1987, I may have unconsciously considered the top of the mast as a good head start for myself. For just a few months earlier, in January, I had been blown out of the water by my surgeon when he told me, after the exploratory surgery, that I had three months to live if I was lucky. Wow, just think if I was unlucky. The following seven years were an unexpected pleasure of sorts. Let me explain: "unexpected" because I didn't expect to survive that long; "pleasure" due to the love poured onto me by family and friends; and "of sorts" because there were many bad times in these seven years - five major surgeries, seven long sessions of chemotherapy and radiotherapy. Sailing was my escape, my hiding place."

Throughout the remainder of the book, he doesn't allude to his illness. He just recounts, with candor and unflinching humor, the sometimes calm, sometimes hair-raising adventures of his three most memorable sea voyages. They are, as he acknowledges, written "for your enjoyment as I viewed them through improved binoculars."

And enjoyable these tales are.

In 1994, The Don Stephenson Memorial Fund was established at the Faculty of Dentistry, Dalhousie University. If you would like to contribute to this endowment fund, please send a cheque payable to Dalhousie University to the following address. All donations made to Dalhousie will receive acknowledgment (unless a request to remain anonymous is made) and a tax receipt. ⚓

Don Stephenson Memorial Fund

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## Maritime Dental College and Dalhousie Faculty of Dentistry: A History

by Oskar Sykora

The development of dentistry in the Maritime provinces of Canada follows a pattern much like that in the north Atlantic states of the U.S. Beginning with roving "tooth-pullers", and subsequently with itinerant dentists, whose limited skills filled a vital need among the earlier colonists, dentistry has grown in Canada into a respected and honoured profession, on a par with the finest in the healing arts. Formal education in Canada in the latter part of the last century, however, was offered in only two schools - Toronto and Montreal. Thus a need was felt for a school to prepare dentists for practice in the somewhat remote Maritime provinces.

The author of this history, Dr. Oskar Sykora, a native of Czechoslovakia, came to Montreal in 1949 as a political refugee, and received his dental and advanced degrees from McGill University. He became an assistant professor in the department of removable prosthodontics at that school, and from 1967 to 1972 was chairman of the department. He was a member of Dalhousie's faculty from 1972, where he was professor of prosthodontics, until his retirement in 1994.

Dr. Sykora begins his story of dental education in the province of Nova Scotia with the history of early dentistry in that area. "Most of the dentists who visited the Maritimes were from the New England states." By 1889, there were forty dentists practicing in Nova Scotia, many of them graduates of the newly formed dental schools in the United States. Nevertheless, almost forty percent of all the dentists in the Maritime provinces had not received any formal dental education, or had been trained by apprenticeship. Thus, in September

1905, a committee of the Nova Scotia dental association was set up to look into the establishment of a dental school. But the committee was careful to recommend that dental education be based upon a sound scientific basis, rather than a purely mechanical one.

Dr. Sykora has used reprints from lectures, articles and other presentations contemporary to the happenings cited in the history of the school. These lend immediacy to the story; it is never a dry recitation of facts and figures.

An enabling dental act for the creation of a dental school was passed by the provincial legislature on April 25, 1907. The Maritime Dental College, affiliated with Halifax Medical College and Dalhousie University, was opened in the autumn of 1908 with a first class of six students. At first totally owned by the dental association - which provided \$450 for the equipping of the "laboratory and infirmary" - it eventually became an integral part of Dalhousie University.

The school grew apace, and the quality of dental education equaled, or surpassed, that of the best schools in the United States. Dalhousie also led the way in many innovations. In 1923, it became one of the first schools to require one year of college work prior to admission, and in 1926, upped this to two years. The 1931 report of the American association of dental schools cited Dalhousie for its teaching in orthodontics. Compared to the University of Southern California, which devoted a total of 16 curriculum hours to orthodontics, Dalhousie had 60!

Successful as the school was, it was severely hampered in its mission by its very inadequate quarters, and a campaign was launched in the 1950s to build a new school. Although money was sought from the federal and provincial governments, very little was realized from these sources. Remarkably, almost all the money raised came from individuals, corporations and foundations. In 1958, a beautiful building was opened with the most modern facilities.

Dr. Sykora does an admirable job of building the story of this eminent

dental school, and this he does by spending a great deal of time on the individuals who were the leaders and the workers - the faculty. The biographies are most interesting, and the plentiful use of photographs, newspaper clippings, and official documents make the reading pleasurable. The author has included a list of all the dental graduates through 1990, as well as of all the dental hygiene graduates and those awarded advanced dental degrees. There is also an appendix of the 1991 faculty and of Dalhousie graduates who were officers in their respective provincial dental associations. The book is recommended to all who want to understand the history of dental education in North America.

279 pages, \$45 (Cdn.)  
available from Dentistry Alumni Office, Dalhousie University see order form on inside back cover

### **PAINLESS PARKER** **A Dental Renegade's Fight to Make Advertising "Ethical"** *by Arden G. Christen and Peter M. Pronych*

For the first time, the story of Painless Parker—the Renegade Dentist is told in a book! Peter Pronych ('68) and Dr. Arden Christen narrate this meaty, highly fascinating, action packed and personal tale of Painless Parker's up and down life. At times, the story may seem improbable and unbelievable—but it is based on Painless Parker's personal and vivid recollections as captured in his private notes and writings which he compiled during his later years of life from his well-chronicled diaries.

In this historical biography, many of Painless' own words and aphorisms are used, as his very active and controversial life is traced from New Brunswick, Canada to Brooklyn, New York and finally to California, U.S.A. during the period from 1872 to 1952:

In New Brunswick: His youthful and adventurous experiences prepared him for a colorful career as an advertising dentist who pioneered and then used the traveling dentistry show to attract audiences. As a boy, he tried his hand as a chicken farmer, a would-be

aviator, an aspiring sailor heading for the Spanish Main; as a youth, he was a pot and pan peddler, a run-away crewing on ocean sailing ships, studied to be a baptist preacher and a dental student before being expelled for practicing dentistry when still a dental student; and as a young man, he finally became a dentist, tried to be a respectable practitioner, in despair gave up traditional dentistry, went across Canada, joined a medicine show, was kidnapped by Blackfoot Indians and provided the plot for the movie "Paleface", (much later), took part performing in an itinerant theatrical troupe, developed his own traveling dentistry show and toured the county fair circuit in New Brunswick before finally moving on.

In New York: The intervening period of his dental career was spent on the east coast of the United States where he met up with an ex-circus man who became his manager. Together they developed and refined his revolutionary ideas, ways and methods for dental advertising and what was to become his very unconventional style of dentistry, based on glitzy promotion and multiple dental clinics under his name. At a town fair, he extracted 357 teeth— all in one day!

In California: It wasn't until Painless went to the west coast with its fertile and easygoing lifestyle, that he established 37 dental offices and his flamboyant manner of advertising was tolerated— sort of. He bought a run-down circus, and took his style of dental advertising and the practice of multiple chair dental clinics to the limit. He became a millionaire even though his dental license was revoked. Painless Parker was a household word on the west coast. Currently on the west coast, many people still remember him and his Painless Parker dental clinics—43 years after his death. This illustrates just how great an impression he and his untraditional style of dentistry made on the public. However on the east coast, in 1995, Painless Parker has become the forgotten, advertising dentist from New Brunswick. ↓

492 pages, 90 illustrations, 7" x 10"  
available from: Unident Ltd., Dalhousie University Bookstore, or The Book Room

# Class Notes

## 1950s

Gerald Hewitt ('59) wrote to us to say he is now retired.

## 1960s

Robert MacDonald ('63) was elected president of the Nova Scotia Dental Association at their annual meeting in June. His term runs for one year.

Roland Canning ('66) has been elected as president of the National Dental Examining Board of Canada. This board is responsible for national certification examinations for foreign trained and Canadian dentists, and for maintaining national standards.

Bill Brymer ('67) wrote to us from Vancouver to say that there is a Dalhousie Mafia in the prosthodontics department at UBC. Fellow Dal alums include Lex MacNeil ('73), Gordon Chisholm ('59) and Larry Gray ('60).

Joe McIvor ('68) was honoured with an excellence in dentistry award for community service at FDI in Vancouver last fall. He was recognized for his work as vice-president of the board of directors of Peace Arch Community Services, and his role in finding a new home for this community group which services 18,000 clients annually. Elaine Gordon ('69) has been elected president of the Dalhousie Alumni Association and assumed her duties on June 1, 1995. She was also elected a fellow in the International College of Dentists in September 1994.

David Precious ('69) has recently been appointed to the editorial board of Oral Surgery, Oral Medicine, Oral Pathology.

## 1970s

Ron Beaton ('75) was awarded a fellowship from the International

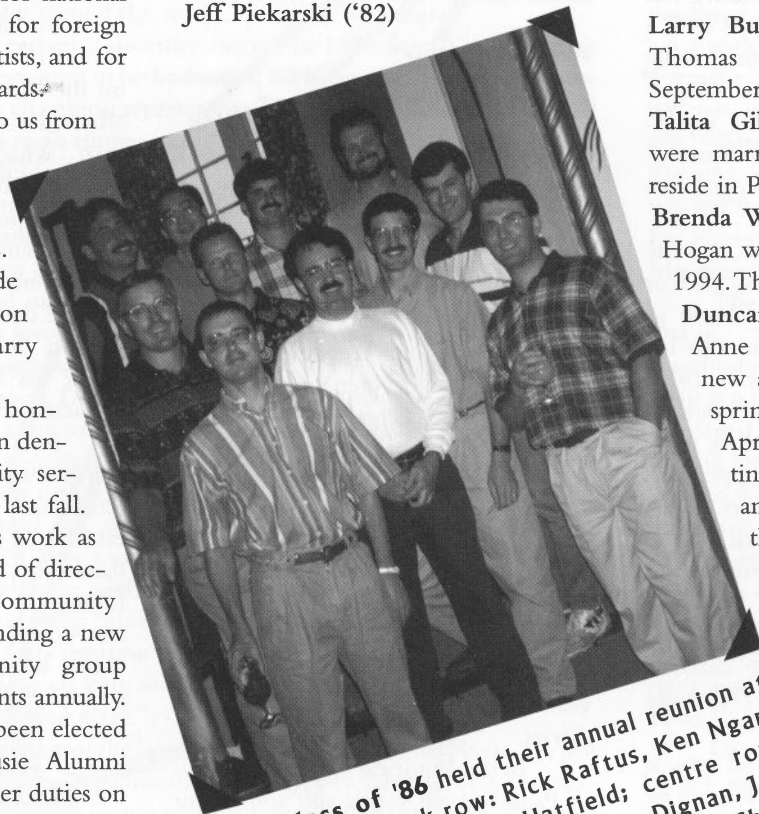
College of Cranio Mandibular Orthopedics (ICCMO) in October 1993.

Jennifer Hall Scott ('77) is living in Northern Ireland, and wrote to tell us " ... it's good to read all the news when so far away".

## 1980s

Lee Erickson ('81) was elected president of the Canadian Association of Orthodontists.

Jeff Piekarski ('82)



The Class of '86 held their annual reunion at Digby Pines. Back row: Rick Raftus, Ken Ngan, Kevin Fredericks, Eric Hatfield; centre row: Lary Trites, Dave MacAdam, Dave Dignan, Jeff Williams, Chris Petropolis; front row: Shane Holt, Greg Gatchell.

is a graduate of the US Army AEGD (advanced education general dentistry), fellow of the Academy of General Dentistry, and recent diplomate of both the certifying board of general dentistry (US) and federal services board of general den-

tistry (US).

Graham Conrad ('85) and his wife are pleased to announce the birth of their third daughter, Allannah Margaret on September 13, 1994.

Karen Furlong ('88) was the women's low net winner at the first annual Unident Atlantic golf tournament held at Granite Springs Golf Club in Bayside, Nova Scotia last September.

## 1990s

Larry Bursey ('90) and Kelly Ann Thomas (DH '89) were married September 3, 1994.

Talita Gill ('91) and Paul Chiarot were married on May 20, 1995 and reside in Pickering, ON.

Brenda Woods (DH '91) and Peter Hogan were married on October 15, 1994. They live in Fairvale, NB.

Duncan MacIntyre ('92) and Anne Ready ('90) welcomed a new addition to their family last spring. Ainsley Augusta was born April 14, 1994. Duncan is continuing his education in oral and maxillofacial surgery at the University of Illinois in Chicago. Anne is working as a clinical assistant professor at the University of Illinois College of Dentistry.

Maryanne McMinn ('93) wrote to inform us that she is now teaching operative dentistry to second and third year students at

the University of Texas-Houston. She has also been accepted to the general practice residency program in Houston beginning July 1995. Maryanne is enjoying the great Texas weather!

Mark Prager ('94) has been accepted into an endodontics postgraduate program at the University of Detroit beginning in August 1995.



Class Notes continued

Ann Roy ('94) is currently working in Ottawa.

Janice Wilson ('94) is at Ohio State University pursuing graduate studies in prosthodontics.

The recipients of the *Dr. F.A. Godsoe Prize 1994* were announced last fall. Julie McGrath ('97) was selected for dental anatomy first year; Darryl Smith ('97) for operative dentistry first year; and Suzanne Lang ('95) for systematic and oral pathology third year.

Vivian Ke ('96) was recognized for her demonstrated aptitude in research when she was selected as the recipient of the annual Warner-Lambert award. Vivian attended the 31st annual dental students conference on research at the National Institute of Dental Research in Bethesda, Maryland this spring.

Katrina Sawler ('95), Paul Miller ('96), Paul Hurley ('95) and Darryl Smith ('97) were selected to attend the AADR/CADR international dental research meeting in San Antonio, Texas, to present papers based on their summer research work with Dalhousie faculty. ⚓



Bill MacInnis ('70) presents Noel Andrews ('58) with the W.W. Wood Award for excellence in dental education for 1994-95



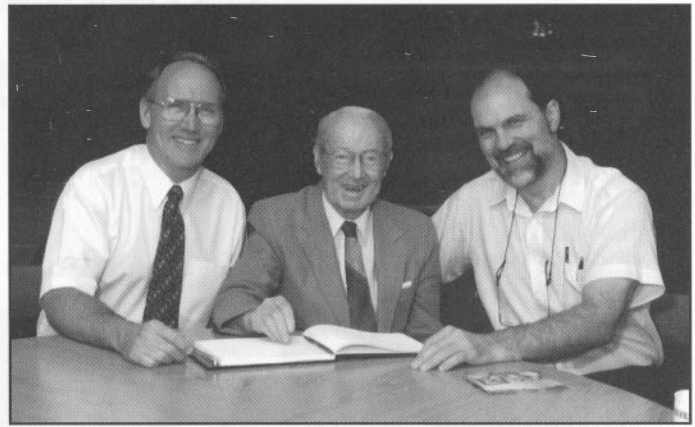
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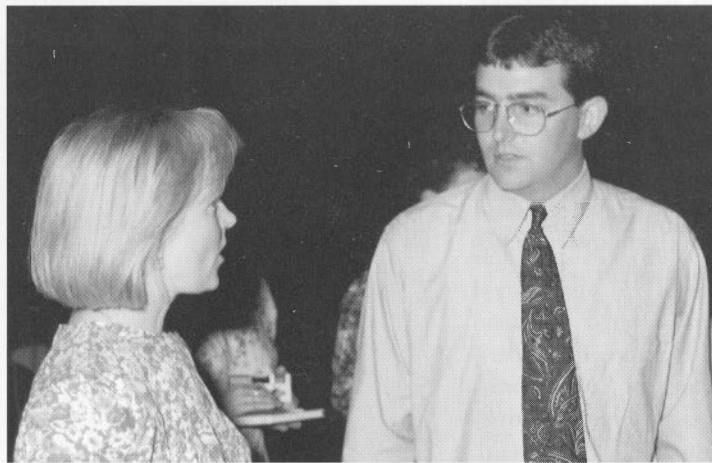
1950s

## Faculty Notes

In June, Len Perry paid a visit to the Faculty. Len spent some time with Dr. MacInnis, Dr. Cunningham and others, reminiscing about his years as senior administrator to Dean J.D. McLean in the 1960s and early 1970s. According to Len, there are some very thankful dentists out there who successfully passed their final exams, only after he went to their apartments to wake them up and drove them to the school; in one notorious case, five days in a row! Len retired from the Faculty 18 years ago, and is living in Middleton, NS.



Len Perry revisits the Faculty and chats with Bill MacInnis ('70), left, and Bruce Moxley, right



Mingling at the convocation reception are Cara Tax and Steve Cameron (DH'95)

## In Memoriam

Leonard Israel ('27) of Sydney, NS in July 1995.

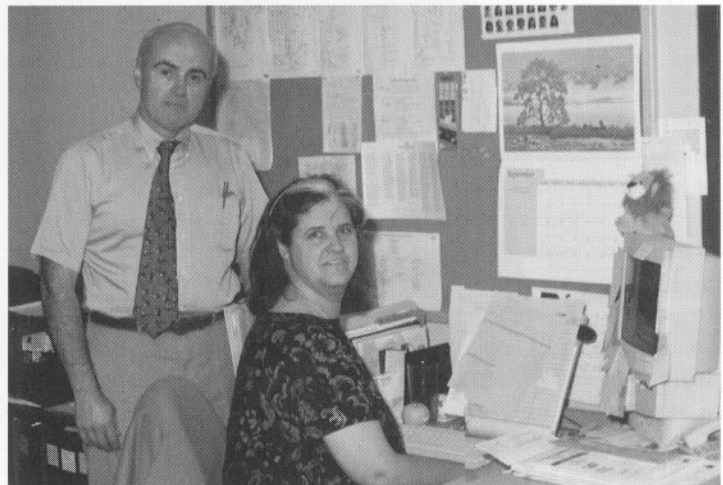
Donald Steeves ('48) of Moncton, NB in June 1994.

James McGaughey ('51) last February in Sherwood, PEI.

Gerald Barrett ('52) on May 4, 1995.

Alfred Cluett ('55) of London, ON in May 1994.

Andrea Brennan (DH '90) on February 5, 1995



Clinic director Ron Bannerman ('69) and Roberta Emms.



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