Making a Commitment to the Future

By Lorenzo Ferri, M.D., F.F.A.

Dr. Lorenzo Ferri

"There is a joke among medical residents that if you find your way through the maze of the Royal Victoria Hospital (RVH) to the room where the final exams are held, you've already passed the toughest part of your test," smiles Lorenzo Ferri, resident in General Surgery within the McGill teaching system (which includes the McGill University Health Centre (MUHC)).

"Don't get me wrong, I love the Vic," Ferri continues. "It is so architecturally attractive. But it is functionally ridiculous. As medical residents, we often spend the night there in substandard sleeping quarters that are so far away from the emergency or surgical areas that it takes ten or fifteen minutes to get where we are going. At the Montreal General Hospital (MGH) site, there is actually an eighteen floor discrepancy between the surgical ward where the post-operative patients are, and the trauma room! The improved configuration anticipated for the Glen will be most appreciated."

He has only compliments, however, for the schooling itself.

"McGill has a world class reputation for its people and I understand why," he states. "There are doctors at the apex of each surgical field right here in our hospitals, and I feel privileged to be training under them."

At any given time, about 800 residents and fellows

(please see Ferri, pg. 5)
Dear Editor,
The world is a curiously small place. The residents should be aware that many years into the future they might come to depend on each other.

Last year while in Honduras related to some work that is being done by our district of Rotary International, I had a chance encounter. While walking into the Hospital Escuela in the capital city of Honduras, my Rotary host suddenly veered off to speak to a gentleman in a white coat who was also on his way in. My host showed the Honduran doctor my card and the two of us eyed each other for a few moments. The gentleman asked, “You’re Tully Chambers aren’t you?” It was Carlos Medina who had been a junior surgery resident on 9-West when I had been the same on 9-East. It had been thirty-three years since I had seen Carlos. He had changed, slightly. After completing a JAR year in surgery, he finished his training in Obstetrics and Gynecology. Currently he is working hard on Honduras problem of maternal mortality. He teaches at Hospital Escuela and was the first minister of the environment in Honduras. While it was a pleasure to meet him again, he was also able to get on a telephone and solve a problem that had occurred with my meeting with the Minister of Health.

As for myself, I am a surgeon with MeritCare Health System (www.meritcare.com) that is headquartered in Fargo, North Dakota. My work focuses on surgical oncology, trauma, gastro-intestinal and minimally invasive surgery. I am based in Wahpeton, North Dakota, the headwaters of the Red River, some forty miles south of Fargo. Many days I give thanks for the excellent, comprehensive, principle founded training I received both at Queen’s University and McGill.

Robert Tully Chambers, M.D., Wahpeton, North Dakota

Dear Editor,
Thank you for your note regarding the donation to The Square Knot. I found the Square Knot very interesting and it is certainly nice to have information regarding the Department of Surgery at McGill.

On a personal note, I am in private practice with four other colon and rectal surgeons. I practice only colon and rectal surgery. I am involved in academic surgery on several levels. I am an Associate Clinical Professor of Surgery at the University of Connecticut. Additionally, I had the Fellowship Program in Colon and Rectal Surgery at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center. We are on our 15th colorectal surgery fellow and our graduates are dispersed throughout the United States and Canada.

I am also involved in teaching medical students and teaching general surgery to our general surgery residents. I see Carlos Barba, MD, who is Head of the Intensive Care Unit at St. Francis Hospital, on a regular basis.

My family is well. My wife, Patricia, who taught nursing at McGill, continues to teach here in Connecticut. I have a 13 year old daughter. I have been renovating a colonial house in Vermont and continue to be active with skiing.

I hope that this note finds you well. I ran into Henry Shibata’s nephew, David, recently at a conference in San Diego. I asked him if he had any relatives in Montreal and he, of course, let me know that Henry Shibata was his uncle.

David A. Cherry, M.D., Bloomfield, Connecticut

Dear Editor,
Recently, I saw Bill Wilson, M.D. at Orthopaedic Hospital. I knew that he was in the Los Angeles area and through him, learned that you were the editor of The Square Knot. Unfortunately, I was not aware of this alumni publication even when I was at RVH Centennial, where I had last met you. Looking through the Summer 2001 issue, there are many persons who I vividly recall and were very kind to me during my medical school and surgical training days. There are other names, especially news of my teachers who have passed on. I was also glad to see the orthopaedists - Fassier and Hamdy, who joined the Shriners from Ste. Justine, are very active in the research programs.

Specifically, in the 2001 issue, I was very glad to see McGill Chief Jonathan Meakins, David Lin and Tony Dobell honored with the Order of Canada. David was especially friendly and helpful to the interns and residents of RVH. Unfortunately, I have lost touch with him. Dr. Dobell had been my 2nd year surgical mentor for an elective period. I had hoped to see them both when I was in Montreal, but they had left the Centennial reception before I got there and did not come back for other activities. I am also glad to read about the achievements of Henry Shibata, Dr. Cruess and to know of the academic activities of Peter McLean and my classmate, Alan Turnbull. I was very sad to learn of the deaths of Drs. Tabah, Cooper Stacey who taught us fractures in 2nd year medical school, Paul Otton and John Gutellus and especially John Fish, who spent some time with us at Rancho during his postgraduate training.

I can only guess that residents - Chughtai and Seely are the 2nd generation when their fathers were RVH housestaff in the early 60s.

I hope to come to Montreal for my 40th class reunion. It is unbelievable that I have been in Southern California for 30 years. Most of my current activities are in the area of my special interest - surgical treatment of neuromuscular disorders and the rest of my time is spent in administration, teaching and traveling. I recently wrote the history of our institution as one of the leading (please see Letters, pg. 20)
SOME REFLECTIONS AFTER THE TRAGIC EVENTS OF SEPTEMBER 11TH

After the terrorist catastrophes in New York and Washington, in addition to the sorrow and grief, there are some worries about the future. When contemplating what lies ahead of us, there is a certain resolve to press on and perhaps modify our behaviour. What are the implications for us Surgeons? In addition to the personal and social considerations, we must address if and whether we should modify our academic and clinical roles. It seems unfortunately likely that there will be further such terrorist activities. Without being accused of pessimism, we should certainly plan for such. How do we do this? It seems timely for hospitals to review their Standing Orders for Safety and Mass Disasters (both internal and external). At the MUHC, this involves a review of the emergency codes as well as avalanche and the like. We must be able to prepare for the phenomenon of Convergence when many patients as well as firemen, police along with health workers meet in the Emergency Departments. A call usually goes out for blood donors which taxes the emergency services as well as the blood banks.

Both in Washington and New York, we are told that emergency physicians as well as Surgeons had to do triage on the scene “Ground Zero”. There was a great need for facilities to take care of burn patients. We will have to take crash courses in the handling of patients with anthrax, smallpox and those who have been intoxicated by nerve gases such as sarin.

The most positive aspect of all these considerations is that, in the past, when called upon, our hospital communities have risen to the occasion in the most efficient manner. We have had experiences in Montreal during Civil Disorders, when our hospitals have been able to take care of great numbers of casualties in a personal and professional manner.

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Editorial

By E.D. Monaghan, M.D.

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AFTER YEARS OF PLANNING, the new Cedars Breast Clinic will become a reality in November 2001. The Cedars Breast Center of the Royal Victoria Hospital (RVH) and the Montreal General Hospital Breast Clinic will physically be in one place at the RVH site of the MUHC. This new clinic which is a referral center for the Provincial Quebec Screening Program will provide a “one stop” care for the patient. A woman with breast pathology will see a breast surgeon, have mammography, ultrasound and a biopsy if indicated, all in the same place and on the same visit. It will not only contain state-of-the-art technological equipment, but also an up-to-date pathology laboratory for on-the-spot diagnostic procedures. The clinic will be completely computerized so that information can be available for clinical and research purposes. Facilities for teaching purposes are being developed and the latest teaching equipment will be housed within its confines. This new clinic will create a milieu where a group of experts will be able to work together in the same geographical area, providing better and faster services to our patients. These experts will also work with our recently developed breast cancer research and network group. Such interaction between basic and clinical scientists will create a center of excellence where research and teaching will become easier, and will lead to new discoveries in the fight against breast cancer.

The total cost for this new clinic with the equipment is estimated to be 3 million dollars, all being supported through the generosity of many individuals and organizations such as the Cedars Cancer Institute, the RVH and the MGH Foundations.

As in almost all enterprises, this new clinic is a result of team work. Many other individuals and organizations have contributed, and although we cannot name them all, we recognize that this new clinic would not have been possible without them.

Antoine Loutfi, M.D. - David Fleischer, M.D.
Co-Directors
Chairman’s Message
— By Jonathan L. Meakins, M.D., D.Sc., F.R.C.S.C., F.A.C.S.

This past summer, my wife, Dr. Jacqueline McClaran and I spent three months in Oxford. She was attached to the Nuffield Department of Medicine and was hosted by Professor John Bell, and I was in the Nuffield Department of Surgery hosted by Professor Sir Peter Morris. Interestingly, we had anticipated that we would be taking holidays either in England or on the continent, but found that the change of environment was sufficiently stimulating and the work sufficiently rewarding that we ended up staying pretty close to our home in Oxford and travelling very little. The change from long hours in interminable meetings with not as many resolutions as one might wish and some apparently insoluble problems were replaced by activities in the library, long discussions around issues of evidence based surgical practice, the examination process for Oxford medical students, principles surrounding the development and introduction of innovative techniques and procedures, and the discussions around the rules of evidence as they relate to surgical practice was sufficiently rewarding. The time passed as if we were in a summer camp.

We both took a course on the teaching of Evidence Based Medicine - a week-long program which was highly interactive and very useful. The transition from a professor and teacher to that of student was an interesting one. It took a little getting used to, but fitted in very well with the general ambiance of Oxford where extended discussion around innovative ideas is both welcome and possible.

The opportunity to observe and participate in the examination process of final medical students was a fascinating experience. The examination system incorporates a written essay, a written exam and an extended clinical oral. The organizational structure of this process led to much discussion about how to adapt the Oxford view of examination with that utilized in the majority of other UK medical schools as well as medical schools around the world. I was requested to write a report as an external observer of the process and that together with the post-examination discussions and critique may well lead some evolution of the evaluation process of final year medical students.

A second report was requested by the hospital regarding patient flow and the organization of clinical services which was a useful exercise in which to participate and crystalize thoughts that have been developed here at McGill.

The major area of investigation was in the application of evidence based surgical practice principles to the methods by which we should evaluate new procedures and new techniques. The Center for Evidence-Based Medicine is very much involved in this exercise as is the Institute for Health Services both of which are participating in publication activities where different paradigms for evaluation of surgical procedures are being developed. The present construct for the rules of evidence do not apply well to many components of surgical practice where randomized control trials are frequently not possible. At any rate, this component of my time in Oxford was sufficiently productive that we never quite got around to taking a holiday. In addition, Dr. McClaran's involvement in discharge planning processes at the John Radcliff led to several reports on her part presented both at the John Radcliffe Hospital and to the Regional Board as well as upcoming papers.

All and all, it was an extremely productive time and useful for us to have had dinner together every evening and to participate in the academic, intellectual and recreational life of another great university.

Thoughts on a Mini-Sabbatical

Dr. Jonathan L. Meakins

On September 21st, Health Minister Remi Trudel announced the creation of the McGill University Health Centre's Development Corporation which will oversee the hospital's design and construction. "What was once an idea became a project and now the project is beginning to materialize" said Mr. Trudel at a press conference at the hospital's site at the Glen Railway Yards. This new MUHC Development Corporation will have 9 directors who will be in charge of planning and completing the hospital complex. It is now estimated that the cost will be around 800 million dollars and officials hope that the hospital will be built around 2006.
are registered in the sixty-one residency programs of varying lengths within the McGill teaching hospitals; a little more than half of them can be found on the MUHC sites.

**Ferri**

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"We educate the next generation of surgeons in the principles of surgery as well as helping them to acquire the operative skills required for the 21st century," explains Dr. Liane Feldman, Assistant Professor of Surgery, who supervises residents and fellows on the G-surgery service at the MGH. "Residents are a critical component of our mission at the MUHC."

Residencies begin after medical school and are typically (though they vary) between two years for Family Medicine and, on average, five years for specialties (R1-R5). After certification examinations, some residents go on to do further specialization, called a fellowship.

A resident's day is long — about 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. — and geared toward their specialty, in Ferri's case, surgery. The focus is always on the patient. Throughout the day the resident conducts examinations, discusses cases during clinical teaching rounds, files necessary paperwork, supervises juniors or observes seniors, all with an eye to providing the best patient care. In between, he or she will grab a manual, stuff photocopied journal articles into a lab coat or rush off for a quick literature search on the computer to learn more about specific conditions. Residents are closely supervised each step of the way by senior doctors in each area.

The McGill approach is one that has residents learn through doing. Dr. Anne-Marie Maclellan, Associate Dean, Postgraduate Medical Education and Professional Affairs, McGill University, explains. "We make an effort to expose our students to a wide variety of medical approaches and expertise. We emphasize bedside teaching, which requires residents to apply their knowledge, think problems through critically, and develop their confidence and decision-making skills."

Most residents take five years to rotate through all the different areas, however, some, like Ferri, devote additional time to research activities. "When all MUHC sites are together at the Glen, it will be easier to co-ordinate my investigative work," he says. "Since the laboratory is on the RVH site, but the clinical research side occurs at the MGH. Now I actually have to taxi blood samples from one place to another."

Although blackboard teaching only accounts for 20 per cent of the learning, it is the piece that investigates the 'why' of illness, that marries the science to the art of medicine. State-of-the-art amphitheatres as well as 'hands-on' facilities are planned for the Glen; surgical skills labs and virtual classrooms complete with cutting edge audio-visual and computer aids where students can practice their operating techniques are examples. So are conference rooms and computer workstations which are expected to be near the library. The residents' lounge and lockers will be upgraded and closer to patient areas. More computerization of lab info and patient charts will also allow them to work more efficiently.

"Currently, didactic teaching sessions for General Surgery take place each week, alternating between the Vic and the General," comments Ferri. "The distance makes attendance that much harder."

"When all the MUHC staff is under one roof at the Glen," Maclellan adds, "it will centralize a critical mass of senior doctors which is particularly important in the mentoring process with residents. It will also make it easier for people to consult, present cases and generally be more available to one another, which in turn, will produce a more stimulating environment."

Finally, the fact that this interaction will be taking place within a brand new facility is seen as a hugely competitive feature when vying for the best and brightest medical recruits and absolutely necessary to retain residents like Ferri. "I came here twelve years ago and I've been offered positions out of province at each step of my training," he sums up, "but this is a terrific place to live and work and as long as the MUHC stays on course with this project I plan to remain."

**Editor's Note:** Lorenzo Ferri, MD is about to finish six years of medical residency at McGill.

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The MUHC Trauma Program continues to evolve and develop. We are pleased to announce the hiring of Cathlyn Robinson as Trauma Clinical Nurse Specialist at the M.G.H. in June. Cathlyn comes with extensive experience via Edmonton and has already made a tremendous contribution in this important role. She joins Caterina Staltari, Trauma Program Manager, as our second recruit to the program through nursing. We further convey our congratulations and very best wishes to both of these outstanding individuals on recent weddings!

Dr. Guy L. Clifton, Chief of Neurosurgery, Houston, Texas, has been selected as 7th Annual H. Rocke Robertson Visiting Professor on January 23-24, 2002. Dr. Clifton is internationally recognized for major contributions to current understanding of head injury and is presently spearheading a large multicentre clinical trial examining the merits of hypothermia in the management of traumatic brain injury. Residents are encouraged to submit presentations for the paper competition (deadline for submission December 21st). First prize will be $1,000 towards the cost of a course or scientific conference and all participants will receive a one-year membership in the Trauma Association of Canada (TAC) with subscription to the Journal of Trauma.

Another invited speaker later this year will be Dr. Roger Saadia, formerly of South Africa and currently Head of the Trauma Program at the University of Manitoba Health Sciences Centre in Winnipeg. Dr. Saadia will be the JC Dickison Memorial Lecturer on December 6th when he will present at Surgical Grand Rounds and deliver the keynote address at McGill's annual "Practical Course in Emergency Medicine", December 6-7, 2001. His topic will be Pitfalls in Trauma Care.

Congratulations to McGill surgeons with recent trauma-related publications: Dr. Karen Johnston (J Am Coll Surg, June 2002) and Dr. Talat Chughtai (J Trauma, June 2002). Kudos also to Dr. Jose Pascual for advancing into a Ph.D. program in Experimental Surgery under Dr. N.V. Christou for research evaluating the immunomodulatory impact of resuscitation fluids in hemorrhagic shock and sepsis. Further congratulations to surgical-scientist award recipient Dr. Kosar Khwaja who will join this research group to complete Master's work evaluating the effect of volume therapy on immune mechanisms in a clinical trauma population. A warm welcome is also extended to Dr. Changiz Cholipour, a trauma surgeon from Tabriz, Iran, who is completing a 9-month observership within the Trauma Program and is currently completing work on performance evaluation during trauma resuscitation.

Some things on the horizon: McGill surgeons have initiated the establishment of the Canadian Trauma Trials Group through TAC. This will be a unique multi-institutional collaborative focused on the conduct of well-structured clinical trials in trauma across the country. The CTTG will hold its inaugural meeting in Toronto in October.

Finally, congratulations and thanks to Dr. David Fleiszer who stepped down earlier this year as President of the Trauma Association of Canada. He is recognized for his dedication to this important organization and we wish him well in future undertakings. He is succeeded by Dr. J. Kortbeek of Calgary, Alberta.

The team also included computer software specialists as well as Mr. Steve Butner, a computer engineering Professor at the University of California at Santa Barbara.

In Strasbourg, a surgeon made the four initial incisions and introduced carbon dioxide into the abdomen. Subsequently, the remainder of the operation was done by telesurgery.

Dr. Michel Gagner graduated from the McGill Postgraduate Training Program in General Surgery in 1987-1988, and subsequently went to start his career at the University of Montreal. Two years ago, Michel was the first Steinberg-Bernstein Visiting Professor at McGill in Minimally Invasive Surgery.

TeleSurgery in France

Dr. Michel Gagner operates in France using Telesurgery

On September 7th, working in front of a computerized control panel and a television screen at Manhattan's Mount Sinai Hospital, Dr. Michel Gagner, 41, a pioneer of robotic surgery and now Head of Laparoscopic Surgery along with his French colleague, Dr. Jacques Marescaux performed a cholecystectomy. The procedure lasted around one hour as they manipulated robotic arms for this surgery on a woman at the Louis Pasteur Université of Strasbourg. There were no complications and the patient made a full recovery, and was discharged two days later.
Troublesome Cases

Some types of cases were repeated causes of complaints and legal actions to the distress of the Association, for example:

- the misuse of, or failure to use or read, X-rays as judges tended to consider misuse as malpractice;
- careless surgical incidents such as foreign objects left in patients, operating on the wrong patient or the wrong body part;
- varicose vein surgery where the femoral artery was confused with the saphenous vein, which happened so regularly the Association was prompted to advise this should be considered major surgery;
- transference and fantasies of psychiatric patients;
- informed consent issues for plastic surgeons who were shown by the Courts to have a higher duty than the average surgeon to explain possible results to patients;
- equipment such as new apparatus for X-ray treatment for eczema and non-standard anesthetic machines, using unfamiliar equipment as well as faulty readouts from ECG machines;
- loss of teeth during anesthetic;
- acupuncture treatment;
- tourniquets, elastic adhesive dressings, broken surgical needles, anti-tetanic serum, intramuscular injections, transfusion reactions;
- paralysis following spinal anesthesia, pressure sores, falls from examination or operating room tables, intravenous injections and catheters;
- intravenous promazine hydrochloride, intravenous pyelography, barium enemas, angiograms, triamcinolone acetonide, improper committals, warming blankets and failed sterilization surgery.

By W.D.S. Thomas, M.D., FRCS
CMPA President, 1996-2001

Try This MENSA Test

You have to work out what the letters mean. In item No.1 for example, the answer is "24 Hours in a Day".

According to MENSA, if you get 23 of these, you are a "genius".

Only 2 MENSA members achieved full marks. See how well you do.

1. 24 H in a D
2. 26 L of the A
3. 7 D of the W
4. 7 W of the W
5. 12 S of the Z
6. 66 B of the B
7. 52 Cin a P (WJs)
8. 13 S in the USF
9. 18 H on a G C
10. 39 B of the OT
11. 5T on a F
12. 90 D in a RA
13. 3B M (S H T R)
14. 52 is the T in D F at which WF
15. 15 P in a RT
16. 3W on a T
17. 11 P in a F (S) T
18. 12 M in a Y
19. 13 = UFS
20. 8 T on a D
21. 29 D in F in a L Y
22. 27 B in the NT
23. 365 D in a Y
24. 13 L in a B D
25. 52 W in a Y
26. 9 L of a C
27. 60 M in a H
28. 23 P of C in the HB
29. 64 S on a CB
30. 1000 Y in a M
31. 15 M on a D M C

(Answers on page 75)

PLEASE HELP US TO FIND THESE CANADIAN ALUMNI SURGEONS

Dr. Z. Arekat
Dr. R. Bend-Jabal
Dr. Richard Berkowitz
Dr. Peter J. Capello
Dr. Alcide Chapdelaine
Dr. Wayne E. Collins
Dr. E.D. Cranshaw
Dr. D. DeForno
Dr. C. Mascott
Dr. Joyce Tarbet
Dr. William Wallace Watson
The Montreal Children's Hospital
— News
By H. Bruce Williams, M.D.
Surgion-in-Chief

DR. MIGUEL N. BURNIER
Dr. Burnier attended the 1st Forum of Ocular Health in Brazil from May 28-June 2, 2001. At this meeting, he was presented the "Brazilian Council of Ophthalmology Medal" from the Brazilian Council of Ophthalmology.

DR. PAOLO CAMPISI
On behalf of his co-authors (Drs. R. Hamdy, D. Lauzier, M. Amako and M.L. Lessard), Dr. Campisi presented a paper on
The Expression of Bone Morphogenetic Proteins (BMPs) During Distraction Osteogenesis of the Mandible at the 46th Annual Meeting of the Plastic Surgery Research Council held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in June.

Dr. Campisi was awarded First Prize for the Best Research Project, 2001 Award Program for Excellence in Resident Research, co-sponsored by the Canadian Society for Clinical Investigation (CSCI) and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), Montreal, Quebec.

Dr. Campisi was also awarded First Prize for the Best Basic Science Research, 2001 Poliquin-Xomed Resident Research Com-
petition at the Canadian Society of Otolaryngology in Vancou-
ver, British Columbia.

DR. MARK MARTIN
Dr. Martin has won the following prizes during his second year of training in the Faculty of Dentistry:

The D.P. Mowry Prize for Highest Standing in Second Year
The Dr. I.K. Lowry Prize for Highest Overall Standing in the Management of Diseases/Dysfunction of the Orofacial Complex Course
The K.I. Melville Prize for Highest Overall Standing in The Healthy Patient Course
The D.W. Bushell Prize for Highest Overall Standing in the Diseases/Dysfunction of the Orofacial Complex Course

DR. TED TEFIK
Dr. Tewfik was named to the Faculty Honour List for Educa-
tional Excellence in recognition of his outstanding contribu-
tions to teaching in the Faculty of Medicine.

Visiting Professors
Division of Pediatric Urology

DR. RICARDO GONZALEZ,
Chief, Division of Pediatric Urology — University of Miami — Mi-
ami, Florida., Chief, Division of Pediatric Urology — University
of Miami — Miami, Florida, recently visited, lecturing at McGill
Urology Grand Rounds on Management of Ectopic Ureteroce-
les. He also participated in a full day of surgical activities, which included demonstration of upper pole heminephrec-
tomy, bilateral lower pole nephroureterectomies, and place-
ment of artificial urinary sphincter. In addition, he had case
review and discussions with the McGill Urology Residents and
presented a talk to the Montreal Children's Hospital Nephrol-
ogists on Evaluation & Management of Urinary Tract Prior to
Renal Transplantation.

DR. JORGE DEMARIA,
Director of Pediatric Urology, Hamilton Health Sciences Corp. —
McMaster Site, Hamilton, Ontario visited our Division on June
4th and 5th, 2001. Dr. DeMaria lectured on Management of
Non-palpable Testicle, as well as observed our facility and ex-
changed ideas about patient care.

DR. HELIO BUSON,
Chief of Pediatric Urology, Hospital de Base Do Distrito Federal
— Brasilia — Brazil. During his Professorship in our Division
from March 26th — 30th, 2001, Dr. Buson lectured at McGill Uro-
logy Grand Rounds on An Alternative for Bladder Augmenta-
tion, and in addition demonstrated surgical techniques for
seromuscular bladder augmentation and hypospadias, as well
as a major reconstructive surgery case of incontinence for
bladder extrophy.
NEWS FROM THE DIVISION OF PEDIATRIC GENERAL SURGERY

Dr. L.T. Nguyen has been President of the Vietnamese Canadian Federation of Canada and President of the Montreal Vietnamese Community for the past 5 years. He is currently serving his third term as President of these Organizations. Dr. Nguyen takes great pride in helping the Vietnamese community. His mission and that of these Organizations is one and the same; “To help immigrants adjust to their new community and environment, assist with their professional development, develop and preserve the culture of origin, to ensure that senior citizens within the Vietnamese community are not forgotten and to look after the people in need.” Dr. Nguyen has been the Editor-in-Chief of a bi-monthly trilingual (Vietnamese, French, and English) magazine QUOC GIA (The National) for six years now. This magazine is distributed not only in Montreal and Canada but worldwide.

On a different note, the staff, residents and secretaries of the Division of General Surgery would like to extend their best wishes for a speedy recovery to Dr. Nguyen’s and Mrs. Nguyen’s relatives who suffered a grave accident. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

Due to the tragic events of September 11th, the 33rd Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association of Pediatric Surgeons (CAPS), scheduled for September 13-16, 2001 (Winnipeg, Manitoba) had to be cancelled. All air travel was halted; the decision was an inevitable one. However, a resolve developed, that CAPS would quietly continue with its mission to “advance the cause of quality surgical care of infants and children through a program of continuing education of its members and other health care providers”. Power Point presentations and a digital photo of the presenter were sent via e-mail and the audio portions of the presentations were recorded through high quality phone digital recordings. These three components were merged through a highly sophisticated system and it was agreed to broadcast the presentations over the CAPS web (www.caps.ca) where a restricted CAPS audience could choose to view the slides only or the complete talk. Through this undertaking, the CAPS meeting would not be completely lost, and would be available to CAPS members all over the world. A prior agreement had been reached with the Journal of Pediatric Surgery to allow articles and pictures to be published and not consider the web broadcast a copyright infringement.

Several of our residents would have presented at the 33rd Annual CAPS meeting this year, but it would not be. Instead they took part in the web broadcasting of their presentations. It would be a different type of presentation, but just as interesting and informative. Their research efforts and case studies would still be published. Dr. Saundra Kay’s abstract A Giant Fetal Cervical Teratoma Managed by Prenatal Cyst Aspiration and the EXIT Procedure was accepted. Authors: S. Kay, S. Khalife, H. Flageole, S. Emil, E. Goujard, L. Cartier, L. Beaumier, J-M. Laberge. Dr. Andreaana Bütters abstract Fetal Tracheal Occlusion to Treat Lung Hypoplasia Associated with Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia: Role of Exogenous Surfactant at Birth in the Ovine Model was accepted. Authors: A. Bütters, H. Flageole, I. Bratu, L. Kovacs, D. Faucher, J-M. Laberge. Dr. Moishe Liberman’s abstract A 10-year Experience with Pyriform Sinus Anomalies was accepted. Authors: M. Liberman, S. Kay, S. Emil, H. Flageole, L.T. Nguyen, J-M. Laberge. Dr. Jean-Martin Laberge presented at the 2001 IFMSS Meeting in South Africa – October 1st – 5th. Topics of his presentations, included in the Scientific Session of the Meeting, were Fetal Tracheal Occlusion to Treat Lung Hypoplasia Associated with Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia: A Role of Exogenous Surfactant at Birth in the Ovine Model and Percutaneous Needle Aspiration to Treat Large Simple Neonatal Ovarian Cysts: Is it Safe? Later, at the Business Meeting, Dr. Laberge presented an exposé to promote the next IFMSS Meeting, which will be held September 1st – September 4th, 2002.

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Creation of an MUHC Dept. of Family Medicine

On the 25th of May, the MUHC Board approved the creation of a Department of Family Medicine. Dr. David Culver, Chairman of the Board, emphasized the importance of this department for the continuity of care to patients in the community and in improving communication with our referring family physicians.
Welcome Dinner for New R-I's

The first Annual General Surgery R-1 Welcome Dinner took place at Le Club Restaurant on September 13th. Introductions of all chiefs and R-1s was conducted by the Program Director, Dr. Sarkis Meterissian, who revealed fascinating and unheard of information on the new recruits. Incredible stories of the existential meaning of waitressing, pottery making and liking trucks were some of the amazing details revealed.

P.S.: Taken from McGill General Surgery website, thanks to Dr. José Pascual and residents.

Drs. Barry Stein, Peter Metrakos, Mrs. Janice Hazarian, Drs. Lori Medeiros, Marvin Wexler, Marc Zerey

Drs. Lorenzo Ferri, Marvin Wexler and Roger Tabah
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KUDOS!!

Dr. Jeff Barkun gave a paper at the meeting in Quebec City on the Canadian Forum of Surgery where he presented the Quebec Plan in the symposium on Alternate Payment Plans for Academic and Community Surgeons from September 6th - 9th. He also presented a paper entitled Decompression of Malignant Biliary Obstruction: A Prospective Trial Examining Quality of Life. His co-workers on this paper are N.S. Abraham, G. Friedman, K. Menon, S. Mehta, G. Cortas, and his brother, A.N. Barkun.

Dr. Paul Belliveau in Kingston has been appointed as Secretary/Treasurer on the Executive of the Canadian Association of University Surgeons (C.A.U.S.). As a member of CAUS, Paul also chaired a symposium on the Training of a Canadian Surgeon at the meeting on September 6th in Quebec City.

Dr. Ray Chiu was an Invited Lecturer on Stem Cell Transplant for Cardiac Injury at the International Society of Heart Research Congress in Winnipeg on July 10th, and a member of the Advisory Panel for the National Institutes of Health of the United States on the "Cardiac Assist to Recovery" project. He also served on the Grant Review Committee for the American NIH, in the section for "Surgery and Tissue Engineering" on October 1st - 2nd. He also advised the Medical Science Committee of the National Health Research Institute in Taiwan. On October 5th, he was an Invited Faculty at the Controversies in Adult Cardiac Surgery Symposium of the Cedars-Sinai Hospital in Los Angeles. He co-chaired a session on Cell Therapies for Myocardial Reconstruction during the American Heart Association meeting in Anaheim, California on November 13th. Dr. Chiu will be the Annual Visiting Professor to the Cardiac Surgery Division of the University of Toronto on November 29th - 30th, 2001.

Dr. John Duff of London, Ontario is the Secretary/Treasurer of the James IV Association of Surgeons Executive.

Dr. David Evans presented a paper at the meeting in Quebec City of the Canadian Association of General Surgeons on Laparoscopy in the Trauma Patient. The following Saturday, he attended a symposium on the Current Surgical Management where he presented a paper on Sepsis-Evolving Concepts.

Dr. Gerald Fried presented a paper during a symposium at the meeting of the Canadian Association of General Surgeons in Quebec City on September 6th where he spoke about The Difficult Cholecystectomy. Gerry also chaired, at the same meeting, a course on Laparoscopy and Endoscopy. Dr. Joe Mamazza, now of Toronto, was also part of this course.

Dr. Gabriela Ghitulescu at a symposium of video sessions during the CAGS meeting in Quebec City on September 8th presented Laparoscopic Gastrojejunostomy for Gastric Outlet Obstruction. Later on during the same meeting, she presented a paper entitled A Model for Evaluation of Laparoscopic Skills: Is There Correlation to the Level of Training? Her co-workers on this paper are Drs. A.M. Derossis, Liane Feldman, D. Stanbridge, Harvey Sigman, and G.M. Fried of the Centre for Minimally Invasive Surgery McGill.

Dr. Philip H. Gordon of the JGH was honored by having the annual Colorectal Lecturehip of the Canadian Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons named after him. Philip was also appointed reviewer for the Archives of Physiology and Biochemistry.

He and his co-workers have 6 publications so far this year and in addition, he has been a Visiting Professor in May at the Western Pennsylvania Hospital in Pittsburgh where he talked about The Genetics of Heritable Colon and Rectal Carcinoma. On the same date, he was a Guest Lecturer at the Pittsburgh Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons where he talked about The Management of Patients with Perianal Crohn's Disease. In mid May, he was a Visiting Professor at the Washington Hospital Center. Phil was an Invited Participant at the Canadian Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons Postgraduate Course: Controversies in Colorectal Disease in Quebec City at the Canadian Surgery Forum on September 6th - 9th. On one occasion, he spoke about Colorectal Carcinoma Screening - Who, When, How and How Often? On the second occasion, he talked about The Case against Total Mesorectal Excision for Carcinoma of the Rectum.

Dr. Olga Huk-Papanastasiou was the recipient of the Carroll Laurin Award granted by the Canadian Orthopaedic Foundation at the recent Canadian Orthopaedic Association Meeting in London, Ontario in June. The title of her research was Immunohistochemical Localization of Apoptosis-related Proteins in Interface Membranes from Aseptically Loose Total Hip Arthroplasty. She also contributed a chapter What Patient-Related Factors Contribute to Implant Wear? in a book entitled Implant Wear in Total Joint Replacement 2001. This work is by the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (Rosemont, IL, 2001, Goodman and Wright, Eds. pp. 13-19).

Dr. James Lacey and his wife Kelly are the proud parents of a baby boy, Andreas Par叙利亚. James also opened a new private office in Barrie, Ontario.
Dr. Antoine Loutfi of the RVH was present at a symposium at the Canadian Surgical Forum in Quebec City on September 7th where he gave an address entitled Can I Actually Function There? This was at a symposium about Preparing Yourself for a Short-term Surgical Assignment in the Developing World.

Dr. João Luiz Pippi Salle, Director of Pediatric Urology of the Montreal Children's Hospital, was awarded "Best Poster Presentation" - Pediatric Section at the Canadian Urological Association Annual meeting held at the Toronto Hilton, Toronto, Ontario, June 24th – 28th, 2001, for his presentation entitled Minimizing Mental Stress Followed by the Snodgrass Procedure. In addition, in collaboration with Dr. Pippi Salle, Ms. Lily Chin-Peuckert, Urology nurse, was presented an award for "Best Podium Presentation" - Pediatric Section at the Canadian Urological Association meeting with her presentation entitled An Effective Method of Treating Children with Dysfunctional Voiding Using a Non-invasive Biofeedback Program.

Dr. Pippi Salle was invited to Casablanca – Morocco recently, for a Visiting Professorship at Casablanca Children's Hospital. In addition, a meeting was held to discuss the possibility of a "Moroccan Exchange Program" between the Division of McGill Urology and Casablanca Children's Hospital where Urology and Nephrology physicians would participate in the development of Pediatric Urology and help to initiate a pediatric renal transplantation program. Dr. Pippi Salle has also been invited to Hospital Fernando da Fonseca, Lisbon – Portugal for a visiting professorship in the fall 2001.

Drs. J.L. Meakins and David Mulder are Directors on the Executive of the James IV Association of Surgeons. On Saturday, September 8th at the Canadian Surgery Forum in Quebec City, Dr. Mulder chaired the F.G. Pearson Lecture on Thoracic Surgery entitled Thoracic Trauma.

Dr. Sarkis Meterissian has been named as Chairman of the Research Committee of the Canadian Society of Surgical Oncologists. At the meeting of the Canadian Surgery Forum in Quebec City, Sarkis chaired a symposium on the New Developments in the Treatment of Colorectal Cancer.

Dr. Peter Metrakos gave four talks at the Canadian Surgery Forum in September 2001. On Friday the 7th, he was invited to speak to the Canadian Surgical Biology Club on a subject of Endothelial Activation to Xenogeneic Stimuli. He then spoke to the Canadian Association of General Surgeons about Pancreas Alone and Pancreas after Kidney Transplantation. On September 8th, Peter gave a talk to the Canadian Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons entitled What's New in the Treatment of Liver Metastases; followed by a talk to the Quebec Association of General surgeons entitled A Case of Nonresectable Colorectal Liver Metastases.

Dr. Dan Poenaru, who graduated from the McGill Postgraduate Training Program in General Surgery in 1991 and who is now at Queen's in Kingston, gave a paper on medical education at the annual conference of the Royal College from September 20th - 22nd in Ottawa. Along with his co-worker, Dr. D. Delva, the title of his work was One-on-one Teaching Using Performance-based Coaching.

Dr. Christo Tchervenkov was a co-moderator at the International Summit on Nomenclature for Congenital Heart Disease at the 3rd World Congress of Pediatric Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery held in Toronto on May 27th, 2001.

Dr. Jean Techerenkov, who is the Surgical Director of Transplantation at the MUHC, is organizing the 6th annual dinner of the Liver Transplant Fund of the Royal Victoria Hospital/MUHC at Montreal's famous restaurant Milos. Mr. Serge Savard, former Manager of Les Canadiens, will be the Guest of Honor. Mr. Ted Blackman, Sports Director of Team 990 radio station, and transplant recipient, is to be the emcee. The dinner is scheduled for November 18th.

Dr. Carol Ann Vasilevsky of the JGH has been elected as President of the Canadian Association of Colon and Rectal Surgeons (CSCRS). In addition, she is a Guest Editor of the Clinics in Colon and Rectal Surgery, vol. 14:3:2001. At the meeting on September 6th in Quebec City of the Canadian Surgery Forum, Carol Ann presided a post-doctoral course on Controversies in Colorectal Diseases.

Dr. Abdulaziz Al-Khaldi and his wife Eman are the proud parents of a baby girl, Razan, born on August 19th at the Royal Victoria Hospital, weighing 3.2 kilos. A baby sister for Fatima, Aziz had a busy research year, he presented a paper entitled Therapeutic Angiogenesis: The Use of Autologous Bone Marrow Stromal Cells at the Canadian Cardiovascular Congress in Halifax, Nova Scotia on October 22nd. In November, he presented a paper at the American Heart Association Scientific Sessions 2001 in Anaheim, California on VEGF-Dependent Angiogenic Response Induced by Ex-Vivo Cultured Bone Marrow Stromal Cells. Aziz will also present another paper at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Thoracic Surgery in Fort Lauderdale, Florida on Therapeutic Angiogenesis Using Autologous Bone Marrow Stromal Cells: Improved Blood Flow in a Chronic Limb Ischemia Model.

Congratulations to Dr. Hilal Al-Sabti and his wife, Kamila, on the birth of their first child, a daughter born on July 10th in Oman. Baby Reem weighed in at 3.15 kilos.

Dr. Jean Techerenkov
Dr. R.H.I. Andtbacka, R-IV in General Surgery, won the CAGS Basic Science Award for the year 2001 for a paper which was presented at the meeting of CAGS on September 8th in Quebec City. Along with co-workers Drs. F. Halwani, M. Edwardes, J. McGlade, M. Park and S.H. Meterissian, the manuscript is entitled A Novel Marker of Tumor Progression at Breast Cancer.

Dr. A. Behzadi along with Dr. David Evans of the MGH gave a paper at the meeting of the Canadian Association of General Surgeons in Quebec City on September 7th entitled Strict Adherence to the Damage Control Surgery Criteria Significantly Increases the Likelihood of Survival.

Dr. Bindu Bittira, during her academic research year as a R-III cardiac resident in Dr. Ray Chiu and Dr. Dominique Shum-Tim's laboratory, was the recipient of the First Prize for the Terrence Donnelly Competition, competing with other cardiac surgery residents throughout Canada. Her paper entitled The Pathophysiological Role of Marrow Stromal Cells in Myocardial Infarction has been selected as one of the five finalists to compete for the 2001 Vivian Thomas Young Investigator Award during the American Heart Association meeting in Anaheim, California on November 13th. Another paper on Preprogramming Marrow Stromal Stem Cells for Myocardial Transplantation has been accepted for presentation at the Society of Thoracic Surgeons meeting in January 2002.

The lead article in the November 2001 issue of the Journal of the American College of Surgeons is by Dr. Anna M. Derossis and her co-workers from the Breast Service of the Departments of Surgery and Nuclear Medicine of the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York. It is entitled A Trend Analysis of the Relative Value of Blue Dye and Isotope Localization in 2000 Consecutive Cases of Sentinel Node Biopsy for Breast Cancer. The article favors radio-isotope mapping of the SLN.

In September, Dr. Antonio Di Carlo did an oral presentation at the VI Congress of the International Xenotransplantation Association in Chicago entitled Complement Inactivation or Depletion of α-gal XNA Does Not Abrogate the Transcription of Early Growth Response Factor-1 (EGR-1) in a Model of Pig-to-Human Liver Xenotransplantation. The co-authors are Dr. Nina Ordas, Dr. David Pintos, and Sarkis Meterissian of the RVH presented a paper at the CAGS meeting on September 8th in Quebec City entitled Value of Follow-up in Patients with High Risk Melanomas. She also married Dr. John Davis in October.

Dr. Jose Pascual, R-IV in General Surgery Research, was married on the 4th of August, 2001. His bride, Dominique Charette, is a member of the Dietetics Department at the JGH.

Dr. Andrew J.E. Seely has been working on a very interesting educational project for the past two years. Along with his co-workers, Drs. Marc Pelletier, Judith Trudel and Linda Snell, he has published his original article in the recent Annals of the Royal College. The title is Can Surgical Residents Improve Teaching and Learning when Supplied with Teaching Tools and Skills? A Randomized Controlled Trial.

Dr. Michael Tan presented an abstract at the International Xenotransplantation Association Meeting in Chicago in October 2001 entitled Glucocorticoids do not Abrogate Activation in Response to Islets in an In Vitro Dog-to-Pig Model of Xenograft Transplantation. He has a manuscript published in Transplantation - Pseudoaneurysm of the Superior Mesenteric Artery After Pancreas Transplantation Treated by Endovascular Stentint. A second manuscript published in Liver Transplantation is entitled Successful Outcome Following Transplantation of a Donor Liver with Focal Nodular Hyperplasia.

Dr. George Tzimas started research at the laboratories of the Transplant Hepatobiliary Group on July 1st, 2001. Starting July 1st, 2002, he will be the Transplant Hepatobiliary Fellow.
Visiting Professor

FOURTH ANTHONY R.C. DOBELL ANNUAL VISITING PROFESSOR OF CONGENITAL CARDIAC SURGERY
— October 1st, 2001

Dr. Thomas L. Spray, Chief and Alice Langdon Warner Endowed Professor of Pediatric Cardiothoracic Surgery, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, was the A.R.C. Dobell Visiting Professor for 2001. The academic day began with Surgical Grand Rounds at the Montreal Children's Hospital, where Dr. Spray talked on Current Status of Pediatric Heart, Heart-Lung and Lung Transplantation. Presentations by residents and staff took place during the morning session following by a luncheon. Later that day at McGill University CVT Grand Rounds at the MCH, Dr. Spray spoke on The Evolution of the Surgical Treatment for Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome.

The day’s events were capped off with a banquet in honor of Dr. Spray at the Mount Stephen Club.

Welcome Aboard

Dr. Christian Sirois joined the Division of Thoracic Surgery as an Assistant Professor of Surgery in July 2001. Dr. Sirois is a Laval graduate completing his General Surgical training at Laval and a Thoracic Surgical Fellowship at the University of Toronto. He then did a two year Cardiothoracic Fellowship at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Creation of New McGill Div. of Thoracic Surgery

In the spring of 1999, as part of the agreement that made Montreal and Hiroshima sister cities, the Faculty of Medicine at McGill University and the School of Medicine at Hiroshima University signed an agreement to exchange medical students and researchers. This program is coordinated by Dr. H. R. Shibata, who is an alumnus of both universities.

So far six medical students from Hiroshima University have come to serve as externs in our program, while one McGill medical student, Timur Kouliiev, went to Hiroshima this summer to do an elective in Hematology research.

Also, as part of this exchange program, Dr. Seiji Okimasa, a junior staff member of the Second Department of Surgery at Hiroshima University, is spending a year as a clinical research fellow in the Thoracic Surgery Program at McGill. This was all made possible through the kind efforts of Dr. David Mulder, Director of the Division of Thoracic Surgery, and Dr. Patrick Ergina, Director of the Training Program.

Thanks to These Alumni for Recent Very Generous Contributions

Dr. Francis Coughlin, Dr. Peter M. Feldman
Dr. Alan G. Thompson
Major Reza Mehran, M.D., C.D. Awarded Peacekeeping Medal

Dr. Mehran (McGill General Surgery in 1991, M.Sc. 1989) has served on a number of overseas missions as a reservist surgeon with the Canadian Forces. In recognition for his services, he was awarded the Peacekeeping Medal by the Governor General of Canada, Her Excellency the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson.

Dr. Mehran, following a deployment to the former Yugoslavia, was awarded his pilot wings, flying CF-18's.

Recently Associate Professor of Thoracic Surgery at the University of Ottawa, Dr. Mehran has accepted the challenge to create a new Department of Thoracic Surgery at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. It will be a good escape from the Canadian winter!

McGILL SURGEONS WHO HAVE BEEN AWARDED THE ORDER OF CANADA

Dr. A.R.C. Dobell
Dr. R.L. Cruess
Dr. C. Laurin
Dr. David Lin
Dr. R. Margoiese
Dr. L.D. MacLean

Dr. Balfour Mount
Dr. David S. Mulder
Dr. H.A. Robertson
Dr. E.J. Tabah
Dr. Arthur Vineberg
**GENERAL SURGERY ACADEMIC HALF DAY SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2001**

Teaching sessions will be held from 1:00-2:30 p.m., followed by M & Ms 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.
Sessions will alternate between the RVH (Archibald Amphitheatre, S10) and MGH (Osler Amphitheatre, D6).

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**ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY FOR RESIDENTS**

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**PRACTICE ORALS - GENERAL SURGERY SENIOR TEACHING**

**Wednesdays 4:00-6:00 p.m.**

Sessions will alternate between the RVH (SICU Conference Room CS.13a) and the MGH (L-9 Conference Room).

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**McGill at the 87th Clinical Congress in New Orleans**


In the Surgical Forum in the section on Surgical Oncology, Dr. Robert H.L. Andtbacka along with his co-workers, Drs. Fawaz Halwani, Michael Edwardes, Jane McGlade, Morag Park and Sarkis Meterissian presented a paper entitled *p66Shc - A Novel Protein Associated with HER2 Expression in Breast Cancer*.

In the Surgical Forum in the section on Transplantation, Dr. Antonio DiCarlo, along with Drs. Joseph Tector, Miguel Tan, Shuqing Liu, Carl Soderland, Peter Metakos and Jean I. Techervenkov addressed the audience in the Ernest Morial Convention Center on the topic of *Complement Inactivation Does Not Attenuate Endothelial Cell Activation in Pig-to-Human Liver Xenotransplantation*.

McGill was honored by the fact that it was Dr. Jean-Martin Laberge of the MCH who presented the update on Pediatric Surgery at the section entitled *What's New in Surgery?*.

Dr. John C. Marshall, now at the Toronto General Hospital, was one of the presenters of a paper entitled *Preconditioning with Hypertonic Saline Prevents Ischemic-Reperfusion-Induced Hepatic Jun-kinase Activation*. This was at the section on Critical (Gene Regulation) in the Surgical Forum. John was very busy since he also presented two other papers. One was during a seminar on Frontiers in Resuscitation in which he talked about *Endpoints in Resuscitation*. The other was during the Postgraduate Course on Perioperative Care of the Anemic Patient where he spoke about *Transfusion Trigger: When to Transfuse?*.

Dr. Richard Novick, now at the University of Western Ontario, presented a paper in the Surgical Forum during the session on Cardiothoracic Surgery entitled *Heme Oxygenase Protects in Lung Ischemia-Reperfusion Injury*.

Dr. Carol-Ann Vasilevsky was the Moderator of the seminar on Anorectal Disease: What's New? during the Postgraduate Course on Colon and Rectal Surgery.

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**SURGICAL GRAND ROUNDS - THE MONTREAL GENERAL HOSPITAL**

Sir William Osler Amphitheatre - Thursday 07:30 - 08:45

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**Ed's Note:** Dr. Liane Feldman is the organizer of these Rounds
Dear Editor,

I enjoy reading The Square Knot, but as Colin Moseley said in the last edition "the number of familiar names is declining." Please give all my best wishes to Nelson Mitchell, Peter McLean, Henry Shibata, Dick Cruess and Lloyd MacLean if still practicing. All best wishes to yourself and your family.

I retired about five years ago, and am in good health so far. I was sad to hear that John Gutelius died at a fairly young age.

Brian McKenna, Saskatoon, Sask.

Dear Editor,

Ever so good to hear from you. In answer to your wondering about my "course and speed," I think my heading is directly towards a continuation of a country lifestyle in this small rather laid-back village of Gagetown; and so, it is steady as she goes - economical speed.

You would feel right at home here with the heavy artillery of CFB Gagetown banging away in the background, and shaking things up a bit from time to time. My wall pictures are askew most of the time. The Base cuts in very close to the village in several places.

My water craft have been downsized from sail (which you will remember) to canoe - which you must admit is a considerable change. However, there is lots of enjoyment in canoeing around the many waterways this countryside has.

My commendation to you Ed for the splendid job you are doing for The Square Knot! It keeps one very much in touch with what is going on up there.

John R. Moore, M.D., (Ex. Surg. Cdr.)
Gagetown, New Brunswick

Dear Editor,

Re: The Gold Fish in the I.V. Bottle Caper

I suppose that if the story of fish in the I.V. bottle had been anything less than the success that it was, there would be no one claiming culpability. I've heard the story so often with so many claimants and variations that I got to thinking that maybe it wasn't me that bought the fish and put them in the bottle. Or perhaps there were other fishy incidents of which I'm not aware. The story recounted by Gauld and Hinche y is essentially correct.

I was finishing internship and remembered a similar joke having been played on a patient in the "Doctor in the House" series. I had my next year's appointment on hand so felt secure enough in going down to Woolworth's on St. Catherine's in the Spring of 1961 to buy three goldfish. I felt a little silly going in there with the white intern's outfit on. I took the late John Stubbs who was my senior into my confidence to see just how observant FNG really was. There were a few others involved and perhaps Bill Gauld was one of them. I poured out the i.v. bottle contents knowing these were not saltwater fish, shook the tap water vigorously in the bottle to oxygenate it and then pushed the fish through the neck of the bottle. The rest of the story if more or less correct except that it was in the amphitheatre and it was all the patient could do to not burst out laughing when FNG did his usual bedside examination.

I would hate to have my only contribution to medical lore as being the fishmonger who put the fish in the bottle, but for the record it was me.

P.S.: Have just graduated from the Nova Scotia School of Art and Design with a BFA this spring.

David A. Murphy, M.D.,
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Dear Editor,

I always enjoy The Square Knot. A number of memories were rekindled when I read Dr. MacLean's recent pronouncement that "surgery for obesity has become an almost respectable pastime!" It prompted me to write a little piece that I hope you will consider for publication in The Square Knot.

I was interested to read that Lloyd MacLean has now concluded, "surgery for obesity has become an almost respectable pastime!" Before entering into neurosurgery at the Montreal Neurological Institute, I spent two years in the McGill General Surgery Training Program. This included, in 1986, sixteen unforgettable weeks on Red Service at the Vic with Dr. MacLean, known affectionately as L.D.

It would not be truthful to say that I changed programs because of my experience on Red Service ... I had long harbored neurosurgical ambitions. But I do recall that it was unpleasant, difficult work taking care of those huge 10 West patients after they had undergone gastroplasties and related procedures. I.D., however, was usually fun to be around. His enthusiasm, though misguided (I thought), was always infectious, and he certainly had one of the sharpest intellects that I have encountered during my surgical career. When I told him of my plan to become a neurosurgeon, he said in his usual slow, deliberate and sardonic way, "Well... (very long pause) it's your life!" I guess he remembered neurosurgery from the pre-CT era with horrendous imaging.
Dear Editor,

I enjoy reading The Square Knot very much as it keeps me in touch with the goings-on at McGill Department of Surgery. I am in private plastic surgery practice with a colleague in Banff, Alberta. Always happy to hear from Alumni if they are in the area.

Tom Sinclair, M.D.
Canmore, Alberta, July 2001

Dear Editor,

In March, the McGill University Health Centre, Royal Victoria site was presented with a major challenge. The discovery of Aspergillus in the main operating block led to a decision to close this area and to undertake an extensive renovation of the facility.

At the same time, to meet the needs of our patients we arranged to transfer surgery to five different sites. Many surgeons moved to the MGH, MNH, C7 and the Cystoscopy suite in order to provide access to surgical care, and countless others felt the impact of the situation in their everyday working lives. Despite the difficulties, the entire staff pulled together and focused on our patients. Though initially our levels of surgical activity dropped significantly, within a short period of time they had increased to the point where we were doing 75% to 80% of our regular volume. Services such as Transplant were able to function at normal levels.

We have opened our new surgical suite and we think that all the members of the staff will be pleased with the improvements made to this important area. In a short period of time, extensive renovations to the facility were completed. The ventilation system and the medical gas system were upgraded. Windows were replaced and floor, ceiling and wall surfaces changed. As well, a new storage system for supplies and new equipment have been purchased. Bringing this project in on schedule has also demanded a tremendous effort by everyone.

We would like everyone to know that we recognize the exceptional commitment and energy that surgeons have demonstrated during the past four months. We shall never be able to thank every one individually, but we would like the Department of Surgery to know that we appreciate its efforts. It is because of hard work and willingness to pitch in that we have been able to deal with this situation. We hope that you will pass on our best wishes and gratitude to all members of the staff.

Jean E. Mario, M.D., Associate Chief
RVH Dept. of Surgery
Céline Donay, Associate Director of Nursing
Surgical Services-MUHC
Steven Backman, M.D., Director, Anesthesia RVH

Dear Editor,

I am always happy to receive The Square Knot, but the last issue filled me with deep sorrow, as I read the news of the death of John Gutelius. He was a true gentleman and scholar, a friend and an excellent teacher. I always remember him with deep respect and admiration. I thank God to have been one of the fortunate to have had John as Senior and Chief Resident, and have trained under him. My memories are happy ones.

After many, too many, years of being the Dean of Health Science at one of the top Medical School in the Dominican Republic, I have returned to full time private practice, which I enjoy very much. The skills taught at the Royal Victoria were never forgotten.

Thank you for your good work and for keeping us informed about the “well remembered” McGill Department of Surgery.

Humberto Sangiovanni, M.D.
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
He received his medical degree from Athens and then trained in General Surgery at Brown University followed by a one year Fellowship in Transplantation in Miami. He, at present, is Board eligible, has passed his written exams and will be doing his oral exams for Board Certification in the United States in the near future. He will be working in the Transplant Hepatobiliary Laboratory on The Role of Cytokines, Adhesion Molecules and Pro-protein Convertases Play on Liver Metastases.

Answers to the MENSA Test
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Obituary

SHAPIRO, Dr. Maynard
It is with deep sorry that we announce the death of plastic surgeon Dr. Shapiro on September 15th at the age of 66 years. Well known in Montreal, Maynard graduated from the University of British Columbia in 1960 and qualified as a plastic surgeon in 1967. He did part of his training at McGill. He had a genuine interest in his patients who were devoted to him. He leaves to mourn his wife Beverly (Wolfe) and his son Robert. Dr. Shapiro was on the staff of the Jewish General Hospital.

New Changes

Janice Hazarian is the Administrative Coordinator for the Orthopedic Residency Program and is at the MGH for the time being.

Lucie Francoeur is the Administrative Coordinator for the Core Surgery Residency Program and Undergraduate Education Program.

Rita Piccioni is the Administrative Co-ordinator taking care of the General Surgery Residency Program and administration for the Division of General Surgery.
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