

the Wave

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President's Message

Damien Jinks

"I BELIEVE!" Not unlike the fabled myth of the Loch Ness Monster, a few, fervid McGill rowers would swear on their mothers' graves that the Basin Goddess exists. Well, count me among their ranks; I can assure you that she is

alive and well! How else to explain rolling over on my ankle the very first day of "footie" tryouts, thereby leaving me bereft of any chances of defection to the Redmen Soccer Team? Suspiciously, though, the ineluctable pull of rowing should see me back in form soon enough, just in time for the fall season. But please, please [*magnanimous expression on face*], do not concern

yourselves with my rueful story. Instead, just sit back, put your feet up and enjoy this, the second episode of pure erudition that Paul Campbell et al. have served up. And don't forget to mark your calendars (and blackmail the boss for time off, if necessary); the fall regattas are almost upon us. Hope to see you at the races!

McGill Crew: A Brief History in Time

Jamie Paterson

Like the University itself, the MURC has had a very storied existence, with bright highlights all along its past. The club was founded in 1924 in co-operation with the Lachine Boat club by a group of rowing enthusiasts who wanted to see the sport of rowing introduced to McGill athletes. At the club's inception the rowing season consisted of off season training on the rowing machines at the McGill Gymnasium and then on the water training and races during the summer.

Early on, the young club was loaned a clubhouse on the shores of Lac St. Louis, and they were lucky enough to enlist the services of Urbain Molmans,

an internationally renowned Belgian oarsman, as a head coach. About twelve to sixteen rowers lived at the clubhouse during the summer, trained on the water twice a day, and were provided meals by their coach's wife.

The club's first regatta was the 1925 Eastern Rowing Association Regatta in Brockville. This was the beginning of a very successful period for the club. 1926 saw the first intercollegiate race between McGill and the University of Toronto. The race was held on the Lachine canal and McGill won by three boat lengths. This race became an annual event that would last into the 1930s and would attract thousands of spectators to the shores of the Lachine Canal.

During the 1920s the club enjoyed some successes at Henley: they won in the 140 lb Junior fours, the 140 lb Junior and Senior eights, and the Junior 150 lb

eights. Their greatest achievement was at the 1927 Henley where observers stated "McGill's performance rates as one of the near miracles of amateur athletics" and "These crews met the best on the American continent and won with ease". The senior 140lb eight that year consisted of W. McConnell, D. Logan, L. Detlor, J. Manion, W. Fry, A. Pangman, A. MacNaughton, A. Glassford, and cox S. Bacon.

1930 saw another great achievement for the club: their four finished first at Henley, which qualified the boat to compete in the British Empire Games that year in Hamilton. The McGill four earned a silver medal in the games, finishing second to a boat from New Zealand.

Rowing continued at McGill throughout the 1930s, but they would never be able to recreate the early success of the club. In the summer of 1940, their long-time coach, Urbain Molman, passed away unexpectedly. This, combined with the start of World War Two ended the club's activities.

Between 1945 and 1947 there was an attempt to restart the club after the war, again in co-operation with the Lachine Rowing Club. During this time period the club sent some boats to Henley,

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MURC Racing Schedule: Fall 2000

September 24	Head of the Rideau, Ottawa
September 30	Head of the Trent, Peterborough
October 7	Brock Invitational, St. Catharines
October 14	Eastern Invitational, Montreal
October 15	Queen's Invitational, Kingston
October 21,22	Head of the Charles, Boston
October 27,28	OUA Championships, St. Catharines
November 4,5	Canadian University Rowing Championships, Victoria

Editorial

With another fall season just around the corner, the MURC is gearing up for Crew tryouts, time trials, and trips to Martindale Pond in St. Catharines. As with every new season, the future is full of promise: the promise of big erg scores, aggressive coxswains, a warm October, and calm water. While the team looks forward to the future, in this edition of *the Wave* we are also going to take a glance back. Rowing is one of the largest intercollegiate sports at McGill in terms of number of athletes, but started from more modest beginnings. We will look at the history of the Club's birth and rebirth that has allowed it to grow to become the experience that so many of us have benefited from. Not just a strength of numbers, McGill Crew has also served as a wealth of talent for the Canadian team in the past. I am pleased to report that the gateway from

the MURC to the National team is still wide open, and we'll highlight some of those athletes who have made that jump and are on their way to Sydney.

I would like to express my thanks to those of you who sent in money to fund this issue of *the Wave*. However, due to printing costs, and several alumni's suggestions, this will be the last hard-copy printing of the newsletter. From this point forward, *the Wave* will be published online. The current MURC alumni website (www.mcgill.ca/athletics/rowing/alumni) is being completely rebuilt and will house *the Wave* and other alumni news. Notification of subsequent issues will be by way of email, so if we don't have your email address, please send it in (along with a traditional mailing address) so that you don't miss the next edition.

A new alumni photo album has been created online as well at www.idrive.com/murcalumni. Thanks to those who

have sent in pictures. We can always use more of your memories, so please add to the growing collection. If you have access to a scanner, scan them and either upload them to the idrive address above, or email them to me at murcalumni@hotmail.com. Otherwise, email me and we'll figure something out. Banquet photos, actions shots, initiation, or just hanging out with crewmates, all are welcome.

Finally, a listing is included where McGill Crew is playing in a city near you this fall. If you can, come out and support the team. Some of you have expressed interest in having more than one alumni boat from McGill (one has already been reserved) at the Head of the Trent in Peterborough this season. If you are willing to race with old McGill friends or make new ones, please contact us. Entries have to be submitted to Trent soon, so don't delay.

A Brief History...

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however this reincarnation of the club was short lived as the club folded in 1947.

In 1977 the modern version of the McGill rowing club got its start when a group of students led by Mark Hoskin, David Lee, and Dane Solomon organized funding and the use of the newly constructed Olympic Basin. The club consisted of sixteen men and women that year, and they sent two crews (a men's eight and a mixed four) to the Rideau Regatta.

The club had some difficulties early on, though. For two years rowers were

locked out of the Olympic Basin due to dispute with the city and litigation between the Quebec rowing association and some European boat makers. Pressure from the media and, most importantly, McGill rowers brought an end to this lockout and the basin was made available to rowers again.

In 1980 the club had its first head coach and 90 members, which included its first women's crew. The first competition for the rowers was in May 1981, when the club entered the Skidmore College Regatta in Saratoga, New York. The lightweight men's four surprised everyone at this regatta, placing first. Also in 1981, McGill hosted the first Canadian University Rowing Champion-

ships at the Basin.

Since this first competition for the reincarnated club, the Rowing club has grown to be the largest sports team on campus. By 1988 the club had six men's eights and five women's eights. In 1992 the club hosted the first McGill Invitational Regatta, which has now become an annual event.

Over the years, rowing has continued to flourish at McGill, albeit with several stops and starts. That the MURC always seems to find a way to bounce back is not just an indication of the sport's appeal, but also a measure of the effort that the athletes and executive put forth each year. On the eve of a new season, here's hoping that tradition continues.

McGill-Queen's Challenge 2000

Megan Angus

On April 30th, Queen's and McGill met for the annual boatrace held between the two schools, which this year was held at Laval Rowing Club on Montreal's north shore. The event began in 1997 due to a long standing rivalry and not surprisingly, McGill has shown to be a strong competitor, each year winning the overall award, the Lorne Gales trophy. It was a successful weekend for weather and

water conditions, unfortunately McGill lost to Queen's by a score of 7-5. Although we did not win the Gales trophy for the first time in its short history, the Heavyweight Men won the Challenge Blade trophy by winning the 5 km race and missing the 500m race by merely a second.

It was the first time for the race to be held at the Laval Rowing Club, and therefore all athletes were unfamiliar with the course. Because there was a strong current, the McGill crew was even less accustomed to such conditions than Queen's, whose team normally

trains on a river. In my boat, the Open Women's eight, we encountered very little of the strong current or wind. Although we had a slower start, we kept up with the Queen's boat throughout the race, and made some tremendous moves on their boat several times in the race. From my vantage point as the coxswain, I was able to see that the Queen's boat was looking tired and we were able to use this to our advantage, but in the end they turned out to be the stronger crew. Successful boats, such as the Novice Women, showed great promise for the

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In Memoriam: Senator Alan Macnaughton: McGill Rowing 1926-27

Anthony Tremain

“Senator Macnaughton is coming to rowing tomorrow,” I was told by then-President Williams. Returning to McGill that year, I was to coach the lightweight men, who would row in *Mr. Speaker*, the eight-oared shell which Alan Macnaughton had donated the previous year. I was not looking forward to glad-handing at the crack of dawn on a Saturday morning. I had had my fill of alumni & parents, and I was looking forward to a long Friday night at Peel Pub. I would have to be friendly and positive when I wanted to be a grumpy Iron Curtain coach.

Of course, Alan was nothing like I feared. He was an erstwhile member of the McGill Varsity Team (1926-27), with racing and party stories of his own. He was an interested alumnus in the sense that he cheered for the MURC and us alone: he wanted us to defeat our opponents—handily, if possible. He asked good questions and kept quiet when I was working with the crew. Thus began my association with a man my grandfather’s age, whom I called Alan. “Well, Mr. President, what do you think about today’s news?” I was becoming used to these shotgun questions. We talked about many things over the years, and he was always genuinely interested to hear what the youth of today were thinking. Yes, he made intolerable comments about immigration and minorities, but who knows what they will say about us when we are that age?

What I really enjoyed about Alan’s com-



pany was his use of honourific titles: after making you feel at home with excellent food & wine, he would ask you a tricky question and lead it with your title. Nor was he using platitudes with us youngsters: he did the same in the company of University officials, using “Professor” when it was not necessarily required. He would also use the title when discussing someone in their absence: “Have you spoken to the Dean lately?”

From time to time I suspected this was a feel-good tactic by the Senator but, having spoken to my peers since Alan died, I am sure it is not true. Alan understood the importance of office. He also understood the challenges inherent in elected positions (let us remember that ALL the positions in the MURC and FMR are elected), and he wanted to support us. Senator Macnaughton, a nonagenarian, recognized, respected, and supported our authority as student leaders, both to our faces and to others. Imagine the University bigwigs, especially the Director of

Athletics, calling MURC Executives by their titles. Have you ever heard the like? Not that it would make a shred of difference to the MURC as a competitive team. Calling people Madame Chair will hardly solve funding woes and give Rowing Tier 1 status. Then again, that is not the point and Alan knew it. Alan did give money to the Club more than once, but his leadership lay in his influence on us.

Sure, you have to create your own solutions. History shows, however, that there are periods of easy solutions and periods between solutions. The MURC has had many of both over the years. But our Club has always had excellent executives, people who walk tall and shoulder great loads. The Honourable Senator Alan Aylesworth Macnaughton, P.C., O. C., QC, LL.D., 1903-1999, a man who did more in retirement than most people do during their working career, respected us all over the years, not through purchase but by example.

Finally, Alan remembered the MURC in his will. The current Executive had to choose between spending the money on equipment (very tempting, as always!) or something else. I am sure the Senator chose just the right amount of money to make such a decision difficult. I am delighted to hear that our Officers have chosen to invest Alan’s gift and use the returns for future endeavours. Alan was an alumnus for most of this century; his leadership of the Club will remain through the next century.

Thank you, Alan!

Anthony Tremain (B.A. ’89, B.Mus. ’94) was voted least-likely to end up being an Iron Curtain coach.

McGill-Queen’s...

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upcoming season. Overall, McGill gave Queen’s some good competition, coming head to head in almost every race. The specific results are listed below (points won in parentheses).

The weekend ended on friendly terms with the two teams meeting at the Mov-enpick Marché where the awards were presented and speeches were given. Even though this year Queen’s walked home with the trophy, McGill is not feeling defeated and will be showing them our strength once again this fall.

	McGill University	Queen’s University
Head Race:		
Varsity Men’s 8+	13:42 (2)	13:59
Varsity Women’s 8+	16:23	15:34 (2)
Novice Men’s 8+	14:52	14:30 + 0:05 penalty (2)
Novice Women’s 4+	11:39 (2)	12:16
Sprints:		
Varsity Men’s 8+	60.7	58.68 (1)
Varsity Women’s 8+	1:20.56	1:13.19 (1)
Novice Men’s 8+	1:08.11	1:04.50 (1)
Novice Women’s 4+	1:15.70 (1)	1:19.94
Total Points:	5	7

Profiles—The Olympians

Paul Campbell



McGill has strong history of sending its rowers on to international competition, and this year's Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia will prove yet another

testament to our ability to feed the Canadian

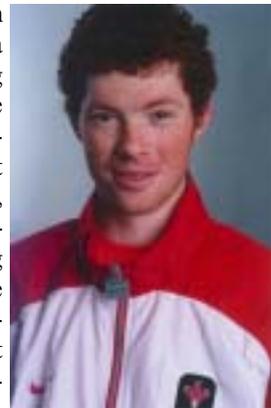
team's ranks. This issue's Profiles section focuses on those athletes who rowed, coxed, and coached at McGill before trading the red and white of the MURC for the red and white of the National team in the land downunder.

Ben Storey

Easily one of the National team's most photographed athletes, Ben Storey has been a mainstay of the lightweight men's programme for several years now. Competing in McGill's heavy eight during both his B.Sc. in Biology (with a minor in Russian) and his current doctorate in plant molecular biology, Ben also has managed to squeeze in the odd appearance at the World Championships: five since 1996, to be exact. Where in most sports, winners of a pair of bronze medals from the Worlds would expect to be shoe-ins for the upcoming Olympics, the arena of lightweight rowing throws its athletes a

curveball: there is only one sweep boat class for the men – the straight four. At the Olympic speed orders and following selection camp, Ben and his pair partner Ed Winchester narrowly missed making the Sydney-bound 4-, being selected as the spares for the boat instead. Ben and Ed reset their focus, traveling to Europe this summer for the World Cup series and the World Championships in Zagreb, Croatia, representing Canada in the lightweight pair. Steady improvement of execution in regattas in Denmark, Vienna, and Lucerne led to what Ben and Ed must consider to be their best performance ever. In the last 500m of the 2- final at Zagreb, they sprinted past the leading crew from Great Britain to take

the gold. Ben is in Australia now, rowing with Ed and the rest of the Canadian team at Rockhampton, their pre-Games training site. After the Olympics, Canada's latest World Champion plans to take a little R&R in Samoa where he will, as he puts it, "figure out what I'm doing with the rest of my life."



Alison Korn

Alison began rowing in 1992 during her last year of Political Science at McGill. Four years later, she was at the Atlanta Olympics as a member of the Canadian women's eight, which won a silver medal. In quite a dramatic race, the Canadians, fourth at the 1000m mark, surged to second place in the last 20 strokes. Since then Alison has rowed for Canada at the 1997, 1998 and 1999 World Championships, winning a total



of five Worlds medals (two gold in the pair, two bronze and one silver in the eight). This season Alison is again a member of the eight. In London, Ont., full-time training for the Sydney

Olympics involved three workouts a day, six days a week, rowing up to 200 km per week. Hopefully the heavy regimen will hold them in good stead for the Olympic final on Sept. 24. Besides rowing, Alison has a Master of Journalism degree from Carleton University. She does freelance writing and public speaking as well as keeps in touch with her sponsors (Quantum Management Services, First Canadian Title, Nike, Bell Mobility, Omnilogic).

Gen Meredith



Like so many others, when Gen Meredith joined the novice ranks of McGill Crew in 1995, she was already an accomplished athlete. No

stranger to water or early morning workouts, Gen was a competitive swimmer, and brought that experience with her to the boat. Rowing for McGill's lightweight eights in the fall

and sculling for Montreal in the summer, Gen improved quickly. Henley gold was soon followed by National coaches' interest and international competition. Gen was selected to the National team double in 1999 and enjoyed the experience of racing before friends and family at the World Championships in St. Catherines that year. With Fiona Milne, Gen just missed qualifying a Canadian entry for the Sydney Games. Like the lightweight men, the lightweight women suffer from a paucity of events at the Olympic level. For them there is but one boat class: the double. In 2000, Gen was again put on the National team, this time in the lightweight single and as the spare for

the double, which still had to qualify. With her own top five finish in the Vienna World Cup regatta, Gen waited to see if the Canadian double could win one of the remaining two slots left for Sydney. Unfortunately, at the Olympic qualifier, the double finished third in one of the closest of the regatta's races. Brief disappointment turned to jubilation as FISA announced that Canada would receive the additional Sydney spots made available by other nations' doubling-up athletes. The women's lightweight double, and Gen, were Australia-bound! Post-Olympics will find Gen finishing her degree in Physical Therapy and preparing for the 2004 Games in Athens.

Sarah Pape

Having started her rowing experience in high school, Sarah moved on to coxing heavy men and light women crews at McGill between



1990 and 1995. Also a member of the men's coxed four that won gold after gold at the Charles, Sarah began to think of changing her guiding influence from inside to outside of the boat after competing in the 1997 Nation's Cup in Milan. Coxswains make the best coaches, and Sarah has translated her formidable coxing skills (just ask anyone who has been coxed by her) into a coaching career with the National

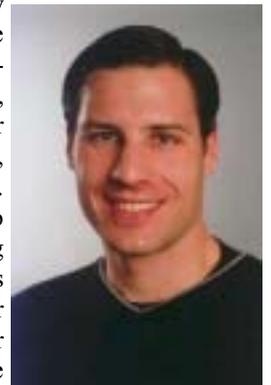
team. Having graduated from the National Coaching Institute – Victoria last year, Sarah is now at the helm of the Canadian lightweight women's programme. With the first task of qualifying the light double for the Olympics completed, Sarah joins the rest of the coaching staff and athletes in Australia to prepare for the Games.

Henry Hering

Henry's rowing career began while at John Abbott College in Montreal, and his association with McGill Crew first started in the summer 1988, when he competed in a coxed four with three McGill athletes under Montreal colours. In 1989 more McGill men stayed in Montreal to row for the summer, and they started to win even more races, which definitely helped McGill's heavy men's varsity boat in the fall season. During the spring of 1990, McGill won the challenge race in St.Catharines, beating Western, U. of T., Queen's and a composite St.Kitts crew, to represent eastern Canada's strongest university crew at the Royal Victoria Boat Race. They finished third, with UVic winning, U. of London second, Harvard,

Yale, Oxford, Cambridge, U. of Washington, and Wisconsin all trailing. In the summer, Montreal RC won the eight at the Canadian Championships, with everyone but Henry a McGill student. 1991 also had McGill going to Victoria for the RVBR, as the sole representative for eastern Canadian universities. With Hering in stroke, they finished second, behind the U. of Washington, rowing through Harvard in the last 100m. McGill, with Henry, Brad Crombie, and Sara Pape the constants, won the Head of the Charles Championship 4+ in 1992, 1993, 1994, and 1995. Henry first coached at McGill in 1992, leading the novice women. He returned to coach McGill in 1996, 1997, and 1998 as the Varsity Men's Coach. The booming-megaphone method of coaching which Henry

brought to a new level has since become de rigueur at the Bassin Olympique. At this year's National team selection camp, Henry won a spot in the Olympics-qualified pair, with his partner of many years, Phil Graham. Phil's broken rib suffered during the team's European tour this summer threw some doubt into the composition of the pair for Sydney, but he has since recovered and returned as Henry's bowman.



Speed Orders

Paul Campbell

In addition to the above athletes, several McGill alums were sighted at the spring edition of National Team Speed Orders. These were the selection races used to choose athletes for the non-Olympic event World Championships. Competing on Fanshawe Lake in June were: Katrina Scott, Mara Jones, Bettina Hold and Gen Meredith in the lightweight single, Pete Beerman and Paul Campbell in the heavy pair, and Storey in the light pair. Pape and Korn were already entrenched at the London High Performance Centre. The infamous blustery conditions on Fanshawe were in evidence, creating havoc for athletes and organizers alike. While Gen suffered an unfortunate injury recurrence, several others made it through to the A finals, with Katrina Scott and Ben Storey winning their respective events.

Innertube Waterpolo

Paul Campbell

Not simply content with prowess on the water, McGill rowers have a tradition of distinguishing themselves *in* the water as well. Last term provided another chance for Crew to capture the elusive stein, trophy to the victors of intramural innertube waterpolo. The previous year's narrow defeat at the hands of the McGill Swim Team only served to motivate this revamped squad further.

During the regular season, McGill Crew seemed sluggish at the start of each game, giving up feeble early goals at one end while hesitating to shoot at the other. Whether it was time needed for teamwork to gel or to crawl out from under Sunday hangovers is uncertain, but second half turnarounds were remarkable. Joel Warkentin often led the onslaught of goals while Lyn Mihailovich was tenacious on defense and

Josselyn Rimel (What foul?) created just enough disturbance to be branded league-wide as public enemy #1.

An undefeated regular season and quick run through early playoff rounds created Crew's semifinal showdown with their archrivals, the Swim Team. The game was aggressively fought at both ends of the pool with few goals surrendered by either side. With the ball in Warkentin's hands in front of the Swimmers' goal, the final whistle blew as the Swim Team withstood a late MURC charge to eke out a 7-6 victory.

In the spring, the McGill University Rowing Club won two major awards at University's Athletics Banquet: 'Club of the Year', and the 'Gladys Bean Endowment Fund Grant' for the women's team (with a prize of \$1000). Congratulations!

Alumnotes

From former MURC president **Caroline Anthian**: After three terrific years on the novice and LWW 8+ crews at McGill, I'm on a short hiatus from competitive rowing. I'm leaving this August for one year to teach highschool sciences in Bogota, and I'm told, unfortunately, that there's no rowing in the Andes! Meanwhile, best of luck to all alumni competing in Sydney, and maybe more importantly, to those who will be defending our honour in the 2001 McGill-Queen's Boatrace!

Pete Beerman has just left for Göteborg, Sweden on an academic exchange for the final semester of his MBA degree at Concordia. He has spent the past two summers back on the water with the Montreal Rowing Club.

Sebastien Bigras: Ladies and gentlemen, it is with great pleasure, or should I say "plaisir", that I am keeping you posted on what this little Montrealais is up to. Yes, I am pompous!!! I'm currently teaching English in Ichikai-machi Japan. You are all more than welcome to stay at my pad if you work your way up to the "Land of the Rising Sun" (sounds cool doesn't it). I'm the exact opposite from most of you: I'm sleeping when you're working and I'm overpaid and underworked (this "Quebecois" knows how to work the system, baby!!!!). As for rowing, due to a wrist injury I have switched to biking and the Holy sport of Ultimate. May all the Disc gods be with you!!!!

Jason Blair de l'equipe McGill essaye toujours a catcher des grands poissons.

Anne Brie is working as an Occupational Therapist in Charlottesville, Virginia. While she has not been rowing this year, she hopes to buy a single in the near future and get back on the water. In the meantime, she is putting a lot of mileage on her mountain bike and polishing her Southern twang.

Now completing her teaching credentials in Edinburgh, **Alyson Byrd** ultimately has plans to teach, work and travel in Africa. In the past year she was married to **Tom O'Connor**. Tom also works in Scotland, at a brewery – someone was asleep at the switch when that hiring was

done.

Todd Carson is now working in NYC at Goldman Sachs stealing/investing other peoples' money. Long hours on the job have largely kept him off the water, but he says that he's putting in a lot of time on the erg.

Matteo Cendamo is living, working, and rowing in Montreal. He is part of a liaison committee designed to rebuild the relationship between the MURC and the Club d'Aviron de Montréal, and has been the regatta chair for the Coupe Canada Cup national championships held in Montreal each August.

Danielle Charlet just returned from a six-month stint working with a doctor in Kenya. She is entering the MD/PhD programme at McGill this autumn.

Bradshaw Crombie is living in England and recently got married this past August.

Sara Ednie is playing rugby with the Highland Rugby Club located in Guelph, Ont. and on the Ontario Provincial team. She helped coach rugby at McMaster University last fall. Sara joined an ultimate league and is learning how to play - her main focus right now is learning how to catch and throw a disc. Sara holidayed in Scotland and Ireland for two weeks. She is currently working at Dofasco in the Steelmaking Business Unit and work on projects to improve the continuous caster. Living in Hamilton, Sara has switched water sports, taking up white water kayaking this summer.

After beginning her career as an occupational therapist with a stint in Virginia, **Sophie Evans** has since relocated to Durham, North Carolina. In rowing, she has moved from sweep to scull, and has enjoyed top five finishes at the last two Head of the Charles Regattas in Boston in her single.

Clare Gardiner spent the summer working at a hospital in Uganda where she went on rounds with the physicians and saw all kinds of tropical disease cases. Her immediate plans include coming back to McGill next year to start a master's either in Epidemiology or Surgical Research.

Annemarie Gerber: completed my yearlong public relations post-grad certificate course at Humber College, and headed into the "real world". So, if you guys ever need a few PR tips, let me know! Hope things are going well. Please say hello to everyone for me!

The past two years have seen **Maya Goodridge** enrolled in the Dental Hygiene programme at George Brown in Toronto. She has traded oars in for running shoes, taking up road racing in earnest.

Phil Hedrei graduated from Medicine in June, and has chosen to stay in Montreal for his residency in paediatrics. He rowed for Montreal and the Quebec provincial team this summer in the men's eight.

For **Bryce Hipp**, a busy June meant finishing his B.Com. in Adelaide, Australia and running his first marathon. This fall, he will be a volunteer for the Olympic opening and closing ceremonies. He also has tickets for women's beach volleyball and the two final days of rowing. If any other McGill Crew Alumni will be present he would like to band together and wave a flag or ten. When not diving the reefs off Cairns, Bryce reminisces about 'punishments' meted out at his novice initiation by Tees et al.

Hannah Hoag completed her MSc. (Biology) in August of 1999. She still lives in Montreal and works as the Lead Medical Writer at IC Axon, a multimedia company that specializes in health-care communications. Providing there is no wind, rain, or the risk of either, she can still be found at the basin, in a single, fighting to keep her blades off the water. However, you might have better luck looking for her on the steps of Euro-deli, enjoying a perfect cappuccino in the sun.

Camellia Ibrahim: I got back from Panama in May, keeping up the McGill Rowing tradition of global diaspora. While down in Panama, I had the opportunity to complete an internship with the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute. I have decided to avoid the "real world" for now, and am returning to McGill for a master's in Geography. The research will be in Mexico,

and I am looking forward to more travels south. No coxing for the time being, but I have taken up snowboarding. Hey! Don't laugh!

Following last June's graduation from Engineering, **Kristen Itagawa** was accepted into McGill's School of Dentistry and just began classes this August.

Wendy Itagawa was recently transferred from Montreal to Mississauga where she is employed as an engineering consultant. This summer she started playing rugby.

Mara Jones is currently in graduate school at the University of Toronto. Rowing for both Argos and UofT, Mara is one of the country's fastest lightweight scullers.

Tom Laurie: I'm now a cosmic porn star, using the stage name "Big Dipper". My second film is coming out in July, titled "Down and Out in the Milky Way". We were going to call it Star Trek, but apparently it's taken. I'm living in Toronto, which despite its provincial reputation is both the porn capital of Canada, and not a bad place to 'hang out'. I'm still single, as you might have guessed; though there is this co-star in D&O that's just from another galaxy - a cosmic girl. As for rowing, yes, rowing to keep the blood flowing -- perhaps pleasure boating is more like the term to use, quite possibly to take it more seriously this summer. And of course, there's the Head of the Trent Alum...

Hi! **I'm Rob McDowall**, you may know me from such memorable moments as "Lightweights '97: What a crew!" and "Novice Women: Your daughters, My rowers". But seriously Paul, do people really want to know that I went from 6 years of crew with one of Canada's finest rowing clubs to pushing smack on the streets of DC.....I mean working for Andersen Consulting? Ya sure, you may be interested in where to get clean n' supreme uncut merchandise, but you're not everyone!

Mike Murphy: After writing Ian Spears' dissertation for him, he is now living in New Zealand, running Auckland's first and highly successful Tim Horton's franchise, and looking into opening the city's first 'two-beer' bar. He

has no plan for the future.

This is **Keith O'Brien**, former McGill Lightweight. After graduating from McGill, I moved to Toronto and started working at TD Bank in the Discount Brokerage area. After a year, I decided that banking wasn't my thing, and started putting together a portfolio to apply to U of T Architecture School. I was accepted, and enjoyed an interesting and demanding first year much different than music school. I'm now going into second year of a 3.5-year programme for a Master of Architecture. This summer I've been working for an Architect who does custom residential houses and trying to get back in shape at the Argonaut Rowing Club. If my school workload and fitness level permit, I will be rowing this fall for U of T.

Despite being warned by *the Wave's* editor about the folly of going to grad school, **Sid Omelon** reports: Now, I can say that I'm being an idiot for sure and pursuing a Ph.D. at the University of Toronto's Samuel Lunenfeld Centre in bone biomaterials. This past spring I coached rowing with Tony Tremain (head coach) and Maureen Pecknold at UCC (little Sturgesses everywhere!!!), and am rowing (for kicks) with Candice W. at Hanlan. The breakfast tradition has a new branch in T.O.!

Kim Ouimet graduated with her B.Com in June of this year and continues to work at Bell. Kim hopes that her summer training at the basin will pay off with a good showing at the Charles in October.

The world of corporate finance claimed another MURC alum: **Aaron Pape**. He is working in Toronto and rows but once per year, at the Head of the Trent.

Ajay Patel works in the high tech world and lives in Boston. He is completing his masters in engineering at Northeastern University, and makes frequent trips home to Montreal to force those of us still here into some social drinking.

Having graduated from Physical Therapy, **Kevin Penney** spent time working at opposite ends of the country, in Nova Scotia and B.C. He returned to McGill for the spring term to finish his B.Sc. in physiology and raced for the Red &

White in their victory over Queen's in the Challenge Boatrice.

Scott Pritchard is currently working on his doctorate in biomedical engineering at Duke University in North Carolina. He spends his free time as an assistant coach for the Varsity Women's Rowing team there, as well as racing his single.

Tasha Richards writes: I am in Halifax with the Halifax Rowing Club. We are trying desperately to revitalize rowing in Atlantic Canada and I have been talking to Nat (Jackson) re: tips for getting people out. our numbers are steadily growing and if there is any alumni in the area that want to get back out tell them to call me at 902-453-2866. On a more humorous note... two people from McGill have recently joined our learn-to-row programme. I remember seeing them every year at our tryouts... until the 5km run!!! Glad they were persistent and have taken the plunge!!

After a year of training and studying at that rowing mecca of the West, the University of Victoria, **Brad Safnuk** is about to begin his master's degree in mathematics at the University of British Columbia. He plans to row his single just for fun.

From the High Performance Training Centre, **Katrina Scott** wrote: I have been traveling around quite a bit since then with rowing so my nomad existence probably has something to do with that. After graduating, I went on to training a little more seriously in Toronto at Argonauts. In 1996 I rowed for the National Team in the lightweight women's 4- in Strathclyde, Scotland in the World Championships. That fall, I went to Ryerson for my post-undergraduate degree in Radio and Television for 2 years. In 1998 I moved to Victoria and rowed full time and was in the lightweight women's quad last summer and we won a bronze at the World's and two bronze at the Pan Ams and a gold at the Commonwealth Regatta. This year I came 4th in the lightweight single at the Olympic trials and am in the Olympic camp. I guess it was my years at McGill that got me all rowing crazy and I have had a very exciting career since then. There are quite a few McGill alumni out here still plugging away so it is sort of a community within

itself. I would love to know what some of the others are up to.

About to enter McGill's Faculty of Law degree, **Erin Shaw** notes: Right now I'm thinking of focusing in international law, most likely human rights focused, and/or history and philosophy of law. I'm seriously considering taking an academic track. I don't really want to be a trial lawyer, in any case. Also, the entirely flexible schedule, working independently, tenure thing really appeals to me after a year of working for [lousy] money at a place where I catch hell if I'm 5 minutes late and don't put in unpaid overtime. Erin and **Emmett Kelly** are coaching the novice women this fall.

Paul Sturgess will complete a Master's Degree in European Political and Economic Integration at the London School of Economics in September. Following this, he is working for KPMG Corporate Finance in London, England, claiming "...if Aaron Pape is nice I'll give him a job one day."

Ed Taylor is beginning his graduate work at the University of Toronto in computer science.

Andrew Tees is currently performing with the Canadian Opera Company and is based in Toronto. It should be noted that all of the idiosyncrasies that made Andrew such a unique and colourful crewmate carry over into his stage characters. He has recently become engaged with a tentative nuptials date set for next spring.

Marc Tewfik made the switch last fall from the lightweight to heavyweight boats. He is still enrolled in the Faculty of Medicine and is this season's Light-

weight Men's coach.

Drew Tierney: I am currently involved with a smallish rowing club, the Barrie Rowing Club, which has many similarities to the MURC as it was 1988-1991. Consequently, I am often thinking about the MURC and have made small contributions to it in various years since leaving McGill. As a personal update, I am a teacher at St. Joseph's High School in Barrie, Ontario. I was married last year in New Zealand to Sue Holmes. Rowingwise I drove an Umpire's launch at the World Rowing Championships in St. Catharines last year and got to see some of the best races up close. Highlights were the Lightweight four and Heavyweight eight which I went down the course with. I also wrote the FISA Umpire's exam and obtained my international Umpire's license during the Worlds. I am the Director of Programme Development and Coaching at the Barrie Rowing Club and have also started up a rowing team at my high school - the first time there has ever been high school rowing in Barrie.

Tony Tremain has parlayed his coaching experiences at McGill into a career, holding the reins of the rowing programme at Upper Canada College in Toronto.

Frances Vice: Finished my MD at McMaster in 1998 and have been doing residency in Pathology at U of Calgary since then. Martin Roos and I were married in July 1998 and he will finish his MD in 2001 here in Calgary. We skied 40 days last winter! Spent 2 months doing medicine in Zimbabwe in early 2000. Tried to

row in both Hamilton and Calgary but just couldn't manage the schedule- one day I'll be back! Big hello to everyone.

Candice Welsch: I have switched jobs within [the Government of Canada Department of] Justice and I am now working in the Immigration section. Currently I am working on a Supreme Court case with lots of international law issues. Criminal was a lot of fun, and I now know more about drugs than I would ever need to, but I think that this move is good for me in terms of my long-term career goals (i.e. travel, travel, travel). In the autumn, I am planning on going to Guatemala for four weeks to learn Spanish and then travel for a couple weeks after.

Before May's annual McGill-Queen's Challenge, **Simon Wilson** sent this encouragement by e-mail: I realize some of you wouldn't have a clue who I am, but this is mainly for those who remember that little Aussie cox who graced your presence last season. I just wanted to wish all you guys the best of luck this weekend, I'm sure you are going to kick some serious butt! A note to all coxies, no telling Queen's to "eat sh*t" but you are well entitled to steer into them if need be! I'll wear my jacket proudly this weekend as I always do, take care all.

Back in Edinburgh after her sojourn to Canada, **Adriana Wright** is finishing her dissertation and confirms: yes I am spending large amounts of time writing about things that I know very little, if anything, about. And I am getting paid for it. I even get to spend my Saturday afternoons watching 30 men in little shorts running around a pitch for 90 minutes so I am not complaining. And yes, I am going to Sydney!

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