Developments to get your teeth into

There have been some exciting developments over the last year at the University’s Dental School with even more planned for 2008.

There has been a Dental School and Hospital in Glasgow since 1879 and the first session, on which 20 students enrolled, commenced in June 1879. Control of the School was transferred to the University of Glasgow in 1947 and the Bachelor of Dental Surgery degree approved in 1948. The current Dental School now has an annual intake of approximately 90 undergraduate students per year and, in the recent Times Online Good University Guide, Glasgow ranked second in the Dental School league table.

In 2004, it launched a completely revised undergraduate curriculum, which provides close integration of biomedical sciences and clinical teaching and incorporates significant outreach teaching for senior students. In both 2006 and 2007, more than 90% of those who graduated from the School entered NHS practice in Scotland. Major national policies linked to issues such as prevention of oral disease in childhood and infection control measures in dentistry have been heavily influenced by recent research in Glasgow.

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Bachelor of Dental Surgery programme in 1998, the Jubilee Appeal was launched to support the redevelopment of the Clinical Techniques Laboratory, including improved IT infrastructure and to allow refurbishment of the lecture theatres to increase teaching capacity. The completion of this project was delayed due to structural problems but, on 30 October 2007, the last phase of the project was completed and an opening event was held for approximately 50 guests and donors. John and Lesley Williamson, donors who helped fund the refurbishment and graduates of the University, commented: ‘as individuals who are proud to have graduated from Glasgow, we were delighted to be invited to attend the opening of the lecture theatres. It was lovely to meet members of staff both past and present and we are excited to learn that a completely new curriculum is to be introduced alongside the refurbishment. It was a truly nostalgic and memorable evening which brought back many happy memories’.

Looking to the future, the School is carrying out a feasibility study led by the NHS for a major redesign of their current building as well as launching new taught postgraduate programmes over the next two years, which will include programmes in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, and Fixed and Removable Prosthodontics.

Many of our Medical Fund donors have expressed an interest in giving to dentistry and until now they have only been able to do this through other Medical Fund themes. From January 2008, however, dentistry has been included as a theme within the Medical Fund and money raised through this fund will help Professor Jeremy Bagg, Head of the Dental School, and his team buy vital equipment and attract the best staff and students to the School. For further information visit www.glasgow.ac.uk/givingtoglasgow/medicalfund or call Laura Crouchman on +44 (0)141 330 3878.

An exceedingly good result

It has been a busy year for the Think Pink ladies, who have been tirelessly raising money for breast cancer research at the University. They have now exceeded their original target of £150,000 and have reached a total of £160,000.

Highlights from 2007 included a Ceilidh at The Buchanan Arms in Balmaha, a Charity Golf Day and an eight-mile Ribbon Ramble along part of the West Highland Way which saw over 160 enthusiastic walkers taking part, raising almost £10,000.

Lynn Murray commented: ‘It is a very exciting time for us – we could not have achieved this without the support and commitment of so many individuals. We have been very fortunate and we are very grateful to all of them’.

The ladies show no signs of slowing down and have a full calendar of events planned for 2008. After the success of last year’s Ball, the 2008 Charity Ball will take place on 25 April, and it is hoped that it generates even more than the £22,000 raised in 2007. For more information about the Ball or any of the other Think Pink fundraising events please call Lindsey McArthur on +44 (0)141 330 8007.

Pictured are Lynn Murray (left) and Ann Graham of the Think Pink campaign.
Welcome

Welcome to the eighth issue of our Medical Fund newsletter.

The Medical Fund is now in its third year and is going from strength to strength. Since its inception in 2005 over £2.4 million has been donated and this money is now helping to fund many of the Faculty of Medicine’s projects and campaigns, including supporting research fellows and buying vital equipment.

In this issue you will read about the exciting developments happening at the Dental School, an update on the progress of our ‘Think Pink’ ladies, who are raising money for breast cancer, and more about the different Medical Fund themes and the donors who give to them.

It is as a result of your generosity as friends and donors that the Medical Fund has flourished. It is a great success and I want to thank you for your support, which I hope you will continue to give to the faculty.

Please enjoy reading this latest issue of our fundraising newsletter.

Professor Sir Michael Bond
Campaign Chairman

Munro bagging

The May Bank holiday weekend saw 130 staff, students, friends and dogs bag a grand total of 63 Munros to raise money for the Medical Fund. Everyone had a great time, despite there still being snow on many peaks in the last weekend in May!

Just under £4,000 was raised, with Carol Clugston in the Faculty of Medicine raising the most sponsorship, nearly £900.

Date for your diary

Our first annual Medics Dinner will be held in the autumn, with the provisional date of Saturday, 20 September 2008.

More details will be available later on in the year and information will posted on the University web pages. Tickets will be £55 per person, which includes a champagne reception, three-course meal, and a Ceilidh.

If you would like to be kept informed of when tickets are on sale or are interested in taking a table please email Laura Crouchman on the contact details below.

Tours of the Wolfson Medical School building

Tours of the award-winning Wolfson Medical School building will be taking place in April and May. Donors and friends will get the chance to see what their gifts have been used for, meet the doctors of tomorrow and to see the first-class facilities the students train in.

If you are interested in taking a tour of the School please contact Laura Crouchman on the address opposite.

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Paediatrics & Maternal Health

Since its inception in 2005, the Medical Fund has been extremely successful, with more than 800 donors giving over one thousand gifts to the fund, resulting in over £2.4 million being raised for medical projects at the University.

The General Medical Fund has received the most gifts during the three years, followed by the area of the fund dedicated to cancer research. However, there are 10 other medical themes that donors can support and, in each issue, we will be focusing on some of these lesser-known themes, highlighting the research and projects the University is carrying out in these areas. We will introduce the donors that give to these themes and the reasons why they have decided to support the University. This issue highlights the area of Paediatrics & Maternal Health.

Over half of all women in the UK will experience a reproductive health problem in their lifetime. The work of the Reproductive & Maternal Medicine staff encompasses the whole spectrum of disease that women may encounter across their lifespan from difficulties conceiving, pregnancy complications, menstrual problems and in later life menopausal symptoms, cardiovascular disease and cancer.

The pregnancy research highlights have included the clinical application of blood markers for the assessment of infertile couples allowing individualisation and tailored therapy for couples undergoing assisted conception. Given the increasing recognition that many pregnancy complications like pre-eclampsia are established very early in pregnancy, they have been working with infertility patients to examine the early maternal changes even from the point of implantation. They hope that increased understanding of the ‘biological’ dialogue between mothers and their developing embryo will help them to minimise the risk of pregnancy complications for all women in the future and provide the best possible start to life for the next generation.

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They have also been instrumental in developing the widely accepted concept that pregnancy is a stress test on the body and can therefore identify women who have higher chances of heart disease in later life. This has immediate applications for Glasgow given the high rate of heart disease in Glasgow women compared to the rest of the world.

One of our donors to the Medical Fund, Emma Ross, decided to support Paediatrics & Maternal Health for reasons very close to her heart. She explains: ‘My twin sister and I were born 13 weeks premature so I wanted to give something back. I also had a relatively long stay in a paediatric ward in my early teens’. She is now pursuing a career as a doctor, with paediatrics and maternal health one of her main fields of interest.

Pamela Leroy, another donor to the fund realises the importance of research in this area and says: ‘It often gets overlooked in favour of other themes. I think expectant mothers and infants is an area that can greatly benefit from further medical research. It is also an incredibly important area which benefits everyone worldwide. Unfortunately, children do get ill and I hope each one could receive the best possible care and treatment’.

Update on the Paul O’Gorman Leukaemia Research Centre

Thanks to the generosity and dedication of our donors, the construction of the Paul O’Gorman Leukaemia Research Centre has been completed and staff have moved in. The official opening of the centre is scheduled for 22 May and all the news and photographs from the event will feature in our autumn newsletter. Fundraising is continuing for this centre to help ensure that it has the necessary equipment, staff and ongoing support for research to continue their vital work into a number of different leukaemias.
Thanks to all our donors …

… who have given new gifts to the Medical Fund between 1 May 2007 and 31 December 2007. In addition to those listed below, there are a number of donors whose gifts are awaiting confirmation of naming or who have chosen to remain anonymous.

Cancer – Breast
Silver Gift
To celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Isobel & Graham Stewart 04 10 57.

Bronze Gift
Residents of Glen Gardens, Elderslie.

Cancer – General
Silver Gift
Richard Howie;
The Eaval Club, North Uist. In memory of the late Ann MacDonald.

Bronze Gift
John Hamilton;
Dr Audrey M Anderson;
Michael W Dickie.

Noted Gift
William Brown;
Richard F Codling;
Sarah M McCann;
Kathleen J McShane;
Martin A Morran;
Susan Ross;
Wilma M M Steven;
2 anonymous donors.

Cancer – Leukaemia
Bronze Gift
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Edward M H Lewis;
Sarah M McCann;
Kathleen J McShane;
Martin A Morran;
Susan Ross;
Wilma M M Steven;
1 anonymous donor.

Noted Gift
Natasha Patel.

Diabetes
Silver Gift
Mary and Bill Munn.

Bronze Gift
Dr and Mrs J Glasser.

Noted Gift
Clare Blair.

Heart Disease – Heart Attack & Stroke
Major Gift
Dr Matthew Neil CBE.

Silver Gift
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In memory of Monty Colvan;
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Kidney
Noted Gift
Mr Mark Callender;
Nicola Moore.

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Dr Rosemary Macdonald.

Gold Gift
Dr Joseph J Adzimah;
Chancellor Sir Kenneth Calman;
Rose Cameron;
Sheriff Marie T Smith.

Silver Gift
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Dr WDS McLay;
John B Woods;
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Andrew J Wilkilt;
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Dr John Adamson;
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Drs John & Alison Baillie;
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Mrs Jane P Oates;
Anne B Stoddart;
Mrs Marion T Thomson;
Dr William C Watson;
1 anonymous donor.

Mental Health
Gold Gift
In memory of Alister B Hall, 1942-2005.

Noted Gift
In Memory of Morag Inglis;
Anna Symeonides.

Diseases of the Nervous System
Bronze Gift
Grace A Jones;
Emeritus Prof. John H Subak-Sharpe.

Noted Gift
In memory of Doris Morton, beloved Gran and Nana.

Paediatrics & Maternal Health
Platinum Gift
Prof Forrester & Dr Alison Cockburn for Paediatric Research.

Public Health
Bronze Gift
Dr Douglas A Haldane.
Want to help? Here’s how!

Regular giving
If you’d like to give a regular gift, simply complete the attached form and return it to us. If you are a UK taxpayer and would like the value of your gift to increase by around a third, just complete the Gift Aid Declaration and return it with your Banker’s Order Form. Don’t forget to indicate which project you would like to support.

Bequests
Perhaps you would prefer to support the University with a bequest? This method of giving is favoured by many alumni and friends who want to make a difference after their death. A gift of this kind also helps to reduce your inheritance tax liability.

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Since 6 April 2000, individuals have been eligible for tax relief on gifts of certain shares, securities and other investments. This is in addition to capital gains tax relief on gifts of assets to charity. Tax relief for donors is based on the value of the shares on the day they are transferred to the University.

If you would like to support your chosen project by gifting shares and securities and would like more information, simply call the Development & Alumni Office on +44 (0)141 330 4951.

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Giving from the USA
US taxpayers can give tax-deductible gifts to the Friends of Glasgow University, Inc, an independent charitable corporation organised in the United States that has been recognised by the Internal Revenue Service as a section 501(c)(3) charitable organisation. All donations to it are deductible as charitable contributions to the full extent permitted by law. Its Board of Directors will determine the use of all gifts.

Contributions should be made payable to Friends of Glasgow University, Inc, 244 Madison Ave #403, New York 10016.

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Medical Fund giving: how you can help make a difference

It’s as simple as completing this form ...

We’ve created the Gifted Scheme for the Medical Fund campaign to recognise the vision and generosity of our donors.

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