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\$250,000 MAPS gift endows bursaries named for Hawkriggs

The McMaster Association of Part-Time Students (MAPS) has made a \$250,000 gift to the University to endow the Mel and Marilyn Hawkrigg Part-Time Student Bursaries.

The announcement was made at MAPS' 22nd annual awards dinner on November 24.

The gift will be matched by the Government of Ontario, making this one of the largest named student aid endowments at McMaster. The fund is expected to generate more than \$20,000 per year in bursaries in perpetuity.

"Mel and Marilyn have graced hundreds of events with their warmth, energy and a boundless enthusiasm for McMaster and its students," said MAPS president Dave Moore. "MAPS is proud to make this gift to a fund that will bear their name as a lasting tribute to their service and the importance they have placed on students."

When Dr. Hawkrigg retires next August, he will become the second longest serving chancellor since the role was re-constituted in 1950 as an "unpaid friend" and titular head of the University.

University president Peter George, who was in China on University business, sent a telegram to convey his thanks to MAPS and congratulate the Hawkriggs.

"While I cannot join you in person, I do want to offer my sincere thanks to MAPS for your exceptional gift this evening in honour of an extraordinary couple," George wrote.

"Your gift to establish these bursaries will assist generations of students to achieve their dreams of a university education at McMaster. I cannot think of a better tribute to McMaster's most beloved family members. Thank you again for your very generous gift."

MAPS has contributed \$500,000 over the last three years to student financial aid endowments to benefit part-time students and leveraged matching funding from the provincial government. The gifts

make MAPS one of the early major donors to The Campaign for McMaster – the \$400 million fund raising drive currently being undertaken by the University.

MAPS also presented the Hawkriggs with a framed reproduction of the Moulton Window – an iconic McMaster image – as a keepsake of the evening.

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Celebrating Excellence



Dr. Martin W. Johns '32 (right) and former CCE director Dale Schenk, recipient of the Martin W. Johns Award, at the 22nd annual MAPS Awards Dinner (see pages 4-6).

University Governance

New student reps elected

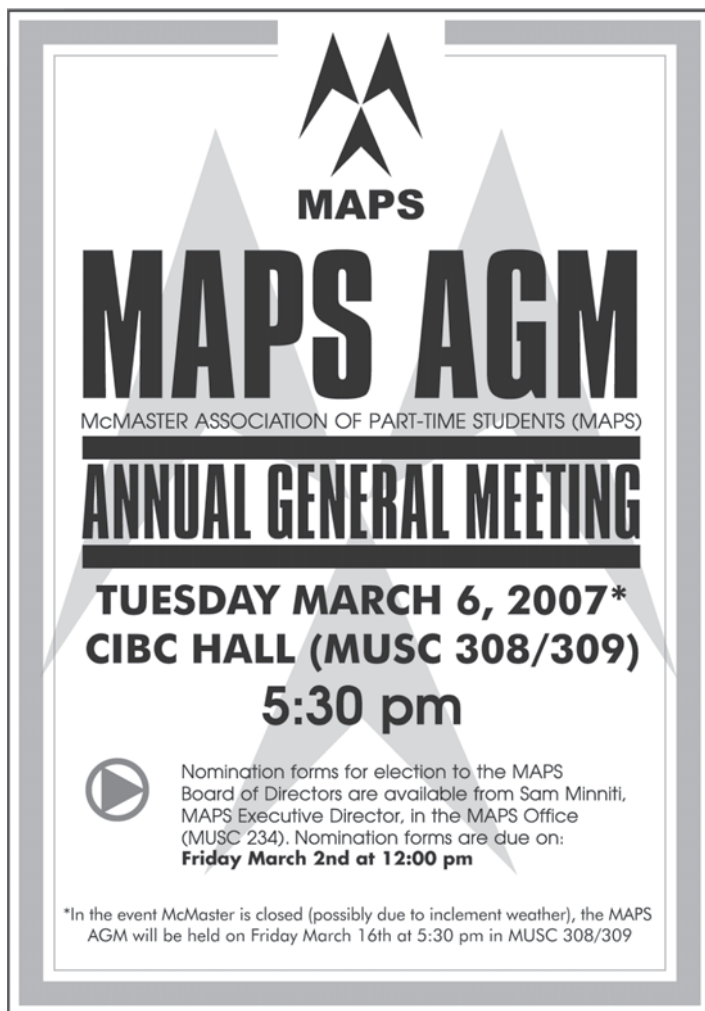
In October, undergraduate students (both part-time and full-time) elected new representatives on important university decision-making bodies.

Michael Hain (Civil Engineering III) was elected as the undergraduate representative on the University Planning Committee and University Budget Committee.

Jacob Dinsmore (Business), Adil Shaaeldin (Engineering), Bikramjit Rai (Health Sciences), William Reynolds (Humanities), and Lorian Lue (Social Sciences) were elected to Senate. They join Eric Siu (Science) who is in the second year of his two-year term on Senate.

Stephan Lozinski is in the second year of his term as the undergraduate representative on the University's Board of Governors.

These students represent both part-time and full-time undergraduate students in their roles. Decisions on the allocation of resources by the University (by the Board of Governors) and academic programs (Senate) are critical to the quality of our educational experience. If you have a concern or want further information, don't hesitate to contact these representatives through the MAPS Office.



The poster features the MAPS logo at the top, which consists of a stylized 'M' made of three triangles. Below the logo, the text reads: 'MAPS', 'MAPS AGM', 'McMASTER ASSOCIATION OF PART-TIME STUDENTS (MAPS)', 'ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING', 'TUESDAY MARCH 6, 2007*', 'CIBC HALL (MUSC 308/309)', and '5:30 pm'. A play button icon is followed by the text: 'Nomination forms for election to the MAPS Board of Directors are available from Sam Minniti, MAPS Executive Director, in the MAPS Office (MUSC 234). Nomination forms are due on: Friday March 2nd at 12:00 pm'. At the bottom, a small note states: '*In the event McMaster is closed (possibly due to inclement weather), the MAPS AGM will be held on Friday March 16th at 5:30 pm in MUSC 308/309'.

University defers non-tuition fee review

A recommendation has been made to the McMaster University Senate that further consideration of reforms to assessment of non-tuition (ancillary) fees be deferred for at least one year while the University focuses on a three-year plan to address its structural deficit.

The report to Senate from University Fees Committee (UFC) chair Dr. Fred Hall acknowledged the UFC's initial recommendations, which included an 84% increase in ancillary fees paid by part-time students, "created considerable controversy within both the MSU and MAPS."

MAPS, the McMaster Students Union, the Graduate Students Association, and the MBA Association submitted an extensive joint response in opposition to the UFC's draft report. Both the UFC draft report and the joint response are posted on MAPS' web site (<http://www.mcmaster.ca/maps/documents.htm>).

"The University has been persuaded to take more time to reconsider its proposals," said MAPS executive director Sam Minniti.

"Student governments submitted a very comprehensive response, addressing assumptions, data used for financial modelling and several other issues. We look forward to a detailed response to the concerns student leaders raised with the UFC's initial proposals."

Student groups have already been told the proposal is evolving. At a meeting of the MSU's Student Representative Assembly on October 1, Dr. Hall acknowledged that a case had been made not to include building fund fees in the reforms under consideration.

The University Planning Committee is to reconsider whether or not to proceed with changes to the non-tuition fee assessment policy no later than January 2008. Any reforms proposed to the Board of Governors would not be in place before 2008-2009.

The major student governments at McMaster remain opposed to the UFC proposals as drafted but are committed to working with the University to ensure fairness for all students.

EXAMINATION WARNING

McMaster student photo ID cards are required at all examinations

If you are found writing without your ID card, you may be forced to withdraw from your exam without completing it.

If you arrive without your ID card, temporary cards are available in the Ivor Wynne Centre, Room B120 or the Michael DeGroote Centre for Learning and Discovery, Room 1016. A \$30 charge will be applied to your account and you will not be allowed extra time during the exam to compensate for any delay.

Cards are available now in Gilmour Hall, Room 108.

Please remember to bring your McMaster photo ID to all exams!

Office of the Registrar (Examinations)

The Hawkriggs – a hard act to follow

The MAPS awards dinner on November 24 included announcement of a major gift to McMaster University in honour of Chancellor Mel Hawkrigg and his wife Marilyn. When he retires next August, he will have served with distinction for nine years as titular head of our University.

Mel Hawkrigg (B.A. '52) made his career as a business executive. He is a former chairman of Trilon Financial and London Life Insurance, and is now chairman of Orlick Industries. He was awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree by McMaster in 1997 and installed as the University's 16th chancellor in 1998.

Dr. Hawkrigg has spoken often of his personal experience with the challenges faced by part-time students as they balance work, family, and studies. He and his "co-chancellor" have made a point of attending student events throughout his years in office and they have clearly revelled in sharing in the celebration our achievements – both academic and extracurricular. They will be a tough act to follow.

It is with affection and appreciation that MAPS salutes the outstanding contribution of Mel and Marilyn – our University's best ambassadors.

Renovation establishes Learning Commons in Mills Library

For part-time students who were not on campus during the fall term, the McLay Reading Room located on the second floor of Mills Memorial Library will certainly look a little different.

On September 20, the Mills Learning Commons officially opened. Dubbed as an active, student-centred learning space integrating traditional and emerging scholarly resources, information technology, expert help, instruction, and collaborative learning, the space brings together various University community members including the Centre for Leadership in Learning (CLL), the Centre for Student Development (CSD), and University Technology Services (UTS).

Located on the second and third floors of Mills, the Learning Commons features both individual and group study areas. For the former, lounge seating is available with wireless access throughout, while the latter is accomplished via group tables with computer stations, powered laptop zones with bistro seating, ports for laptop connectivity and group study rooms on the third floor. In addition, there are stand-up stations for quick access and research and IT help desks to provide in-person help and advice. Library staff can also be reached by telephone, e-mail, and instant messaging.

The reference area on the second floor will also be refurbished as part of the Learning Commons. For more information on the Mills Learning Commons, visit <http://library.mcmaster.ca/mills/learningcommons/>



Left to right: Chancellor Hawkrigg, MAPS president Dave Moore, Marilyn Hawkrigg, MAPS executive director Sam Minniti.



FREE WORKSHOPS

In response to requests received from part-time students, MAPS will be offering another series of skills development workshops this term. Participants are required to register with the MAPS Office in advance (Ext. 20021, E-mail: maps@mcmaster.ca)

ESSAY RESEARCH

Monday February 26
11:30 am – 1:00 pm, MUSC 206

Monday February 26
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm, MUSC 206

Tuesday February 27
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm, MUSC 206

Tuesday February 27
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm, MUSC 206

Wednesday February 28
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm, MUSC 206

Wednesday February 28
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm, MUSC 213

Thursday March 1
2:30 pm – 4:00 pm, MUSC 206

Thursday March 1
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm, MUSC 213

Friday March 2
10:30 am – 12:00 pm, MUSC 213

Saturday March 3
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm, MUSC 206

ESSAY WRITING

Monday March 5
11:30 am – 1:00 pm, MUSC 206

Monday March 5
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm, MUSC 206

Tuesday March 6
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm, MUSC 207

Tuesday March 6
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm, MUSC 207

Wednesday March 7
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm, MUSC 203

Wednesday March 7
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm, MUSC 214

Thursday March 8
2:30 pm – 4:00 pm, MUSC 302

Thursday March 8
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm, MUSC 302

Friday March 9
10:30 am – 12:00 pm, MUSC 234

Saturday March 10
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm, MUSC 234



Gwen George Medal recipient Carole Armstrong (left); MAPS president Dave Moore and Centennial Award recipient Joseph McGuire (centre); Dave Moore and Centennial Award recipient Nalini Rao (right).

Awards dinner celebrates excellence

More than 100 part-time students and their guests attended the MAPS Awards Dinner on November 24.

The event, the 22nd annual dinner sponsored by MAPS in celebration of the hard work and achievement of part-time students, included the presentation of several awards and acknowledgement of recipients of University scholarships.

The Martin W. Johns Award, MAPS' premiere award in recognition of exceptional commitment to the interests of part-time students, was presented to Dale Schenk.

Dale advanced accessibility and programme offerings during 10 years as director of the Centre for Continuing Education (CCE). He helped identify and develop an action plan to meet a growing need and demand for continuing education that included developing certificate and/or diploma courses that offered both essential skills and academic credit.

Under his leadership, the timing of course offerings was broadened, administrative functions went on-line, the now annual graduation ceremonies were inaugurated in partnership with MAPS, and CCE moved from the main campus to the downtown centre where it was developed a higher profile in the community it serves.

Dale was a member of the Ontario Council of University Lifelong Learning and is a former president of the Canadian Association of University Continuing Education. He left CCE in 2005 to accept a position at Mohawk College. He was appointed vice-president (finance and administration) there earlier this year.

Gold Medal

Maria D'Elia, a graduate in Gerontology, was acknowledged as the recipient of the MAPS Gold Medal. The medal is presented to the graduating student completing studies primarily on a part-time basis and who attains the highest Cumulative Average.

Gwen George Medal

Carole Armstrong (Anthropology II) enrolled at McMaster in 1999, beginning studies as a mature student in the midst of a second career. She is an exemplary example of the classic part-time student who balances work, family, career and academic studies. Carole also gives generously of her time as a leader among her fellow students.

During six years on the MAPS board of directors, including two as president, she has demonstrated a welcoming and inclusive leadership style with a focus on goal-setting and nurturing a culture of continuous improvement. She has served with distinction, contributing literally hundreds of volunteer hours to work in the service of her peers.

Centennial Awards

The Centennial Awards were established by MAPS to mark the centenary of the University in 1987. They recognize up to two students, one in each degree and certificate programmes, who have overcome adverse circumstances in order to undertake their studies and/or who have demonstrated outstanding commitment in activities distinct from their studies.



Joseph McGuire (Honours Political Science III) credits his passion for his academic program as a key factor in overcoming a learning disability that makes reading and writing a challenge.

He works for McMaster University's Security and Parking Services department, where he has been a leader among his peers as a union steward and a member of the collective bargaining team. He also contributes to the broader community through the Skills Through Activity Recreation (STAR) program in Hamilton, a skills development initiative supporting underprivileged children.

Nalini Rao (Human Resources Management '06, B.A. in Labour Studies '06) has overcome disabilities, including chronic pain resulting from a motor vehicle accident, to pursue her studies. She excelled academically.

Nalini has also contributed to the broader community through her work with the Good Food Box program in Halton, and as a volunteer with the Multiple Sclerosis Society and Big Sisters. She is also known for her advocacy at McMaster on behalf of students with disabilities.

MAPS/CCE Awards of Excellence

The recipients of the MAPS/CCE Awards of Excellence are presented to the graduating student with the highest grade point average in each CCE programme. The recipients in 2006 were: Amitov Aptekar (Accounting), Joseph Ferenca (Creative Writing), Trishana Nayiager and Lynn Anson-Cartwright (Certified Clinical Research Associate), Georgina Oliver (Human Resources Management), David Lindsay (Management Studies), Erin Laende (Visual Art Foundation Studies), Ashley Mascarenhas (Web Design & Development).

2005-2006 University Award Recipients

HANA BATAINEH

The Ralph Weekes Scholarship

SHEILA BATCHELOR

The Cranston Prize

PEGGI BENNICI

The Jack Richardson Memorial Scholarship
The University Achievement Award

WAYNE CHRISTIE

The University Scholarship

ELZBIETA CIECHANOWICZ

The University Achievement Award

DEBRA COBURN

The William J. McCallion Scholarship
The University Scholarship

LAURA COOPER

The William J. McCallion Scholarship
The University Scholarship

LINDA CORMICK

The Gilmour Memorial Prize
The William J. McCallion Scholarship

PAMELA DRESSLER

The University Achievement Award

JOAN DRUMMOND

The McMaster University Retirees Association Prize

JOAN DRUMMOND

The Pioneer Group Ltd. Prize

JOANNE FRIESEN

The University Achievement Award
The University Scholarship

JODIE HART

The William J. McCallion Scholarship
The University Scholarship

VICKI HARTLEY

The William J. McCallion Scholarship
The University Scholarship

MATTHEW HORYN

The University Scholarship

ALEXIS HUGHES

The Achievement Award of Excellence
The University Scholarship

MARCELLA JAGER

The University Scholarship

DAWN JEDRASZEWSKI

The William J. McCallion Scholarship
The University Scholarship

ERIC KAFKA

The University Achievement Award
The University Scholarship

BARBARA KIRKHAM

The University Scholarship

PAUL KOKOSKI

The Alumni Association Scholarship
The F.W. Waters Scholarship in Philosophy for Part-Time Students

AGNIESZKA KOZIARZ

The University Achievement Award

DALE MARSDEN

The Achievement Award of Excellence

KEVIN McHARG

The University Scholarship

YOLISA NONGAUZA

The Anne Stein Memorial Prize

ALEXIS ODD

The Audrey Diemert Memorial Book Prize

HEATHER PATTERSON

The Retired Teachers of Ontario Hamilton/Haldimand District
Prize in Gerontology

PHILIP POELMANS

The William J. McCallion Scholarship
The University Scholarship



MAPS Board of Directors

Standing (left to right): Alex Alvarez, David Rennie, Sam Minniti (executive director), David Moore, George Zrinscak. **Seated:** Eric Siu, Min Ju Evans, Rose O'Connor, Vicki Hartley, Carole Armstrong, Josie Taylor (office administrator). **Absent:** Anna Marinelli, Sean Spratt, Denise Ellis, Noor Nizam, Gisela Oliveira, Ken Seville, Nathan Shaw.

MELANIE RYAN

The Larry Sefton Scholarship

CARMEN STERMANN GALBRAITH

The William J. McCallion Scholarship
The University Scholarship

JUDITH SZUCZ

The David Winch Memorial Scholarship

ANNIE THOMPSON

The University Achievement Award
The University Scholarship

JANET VALLESI

The University Scholarship

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The University Scholarship

GILLIAN WOOD

The University Scholarship

GEORGE ZRINSCAK

The University Scholarship

News from the Centre for Continuing Education

The Centre for Continuing Education (CCE) offered 100 members of First Nations communities from across Ontario to Community Support Services Care/Case Management Training at the Downtown Centre from November 22 – 24 and from Dec. 5 to Dec. 7, 2006.

The two, three-day training session offered professional development to community and support services staff who work with elderly adults and their families in First Nations communities. Led by McMaster faculty and members of the Chiefs of Ontario, the seminars examined a variety of issues, including physical and mental concerns facing the elderly as well as indigenous methods of healing and wellness.

“We were pleased to host a training event that supports our mission of offering programs that support needed workforce development,” said Tracey-Taylor O’Reilly, director of CCE.

A bit about CCE

What we do:

We provide quality professional education to individuals and corporate clients, in order to enhance careers and foster workforce development.

The value we provide:

We enable students to advance their career skills and, through partnerships with McMaster’s Faculties, achieve university credit toward degrees. We act as a strategic partner with organizations to build workforce and leadership capabilities. We contribute to the community and society by encouraging lifelong learning and cultivating economic development.

Who we serve:

We serve a diverse regional and national population, including:

- recent university graduates desiring to enhance their degrees;
- individuals electing to upgrade in order to expand their career potential or change professions; and
- organizations pursuing employee development and performance excellence.

Our Services

We fulfill our mission through the delivery of the following education and training programs:

- University Diplomas and Certificates;
- Professional exam preparatory programs; and
- Customized contract training for employers.

For more information about Certificate & Diploma programs, courses customized and delivered in your workplace, or customized management, professional development and computer training courses, please contact us at 905-525-9140 x. 24321 or conted@mcmaster.ca.

The event was coordinated with the assistance of Anju Joshi, associate professor in the Department of Health, Aging and Society. “I am grateful for this opportunity to assist the participants in providing quality services to meet the needs of older adults in their communities,” said Joshi.

The training event was so well received that another three-day session was planned for January 30, 31 and February 1, 2007 at the Downtown Centre.

To learn more about McMaster University’s Case Management program and how it can launch your career in health care, visit www.mcmastercce.com/cm. For further program details, contact Carol Tristani at ctrist@mcmaster.ca or 905-525-9140, ext. 24250.

CCE contest

For the last year, the Centre for Continuing Education has been offering interested prospective students an opportunity to find out more about the benefits of our many Certificate and Diploma programs with the opportunity of entering a contest to win a free course. The winners of our latest draw are:

- 1st Prize (a free CCE certificate or diploma course) – R. Jamieson
- 2nd Prize (a \$50 Titles gift certificate) – M. Naccarato
- 3rd Prize (a \$25 Titles Gift Certificate) – T. Hallon

To find out more, watch for our postcard in The Hamilton Spectator in March or check out our website for a chance to enter (www.mcmastercce.com/contest). This contest is open to all but those who have not taken a Certificate or Diploma course within the last two years or are McMaster employees.

MAPS OPEN HOUSE

Stop by the MAPS Office (MUSC 234), during the week of Monday February 26 through Friday March 2 for our inaugural MAPS Open House. Drop by during our office hours for some free coffee and homemade Italian biscotti. Learn all about your student association, including bursaries, publications, workshops, the Annual General Meeting where the MAPS Board of Directors is elected, and much, much more. Also, be sure to fill out a survey for your chance to win some great prizes including computers and text book money!

Call for nominations

Community Contribution Awards

McMaster University's Community Contribution Awards are presented in recognition of contribution to the University community and/or to the broader community-at-large.

The Gordon Raymond Award was established in 1996 by MAPS and other friends and colleagues in honour of Gord Raymond in recognition of his 27 years of service to McMaster University, including 15 years as Coordinator of Part-Time Degree Studies. It is awarded to the part-time student who, in the judgment of the selection committee, demonstrates enthusiasm for life-long learning and/or had an influence on the lives of part-time students.

Application forms and further information are available from the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships (Gilmour Hall, Room 120). The deadline for applications is April 15, 2007.

Call for nominations

MSU Awards

The McMaster Students Union (MSU) presents several awards each year to individuals and groups to recognize excellence at McMaster. Part-time students are eligible for a number of these awards.

The Rudy Heinzl Award of Excellence has been presented annually since 1997 in recognition of an outstanding one-year achievement that improves the lives of McMaster students. Any member of the campus community (students, staff, faculty and alumni) may be nominated. Last year's recipient was MAPS president Dave Moore.

The J. Lynn Watson Award for Community Service recognizes the McMaster campus group that has made the greatest contribution to charitable giving.

The MSU Spirit Award recognizes the campus group that has demonstrated superior spirit throughout the academic year.

Nomination forms are available at <http://www.msu.mcmaster.ca/awards>, at the Compass Service Desk, or the MSU Main Office (MUSC 201). The deadline for nominations is March 2, 2007.

Any member of the McMaster community may put forward individuals or groups for nomination. Further information is available from MSU Speaker Catherine Brown (speaker@msu.mcmaster.ca).

MAPS Bursaries

Applications for the next round of MAPS bursaries are available in the MAPS Office (MUSC 234). The deadline is Tuesday April 17, 2007. To learn more, contact Josephine Taylor, MAPS Office Administrator, at x22021.



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DON'T FORGET

The McMaster Association of Part-Time
Students (MAPS) Annual General Meeting
(AGM) will be held on Tuesday March 6, 2007
at 5:30 pm in the CIBC Hall (MUSC 308/309).

*In the event McMaster is closed (possibly due to inclement weather), the MAPS AGM will be held on Friday, March 16 at 5:30 pm in MUSC 308/309.



Questions? Contact Sam Minniti at x23884