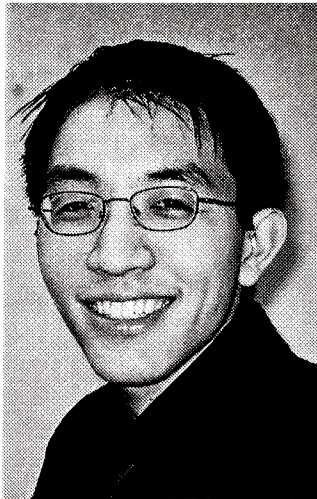


Dear Reader,

Issue three encompasses a refreshing array of quality articles ranging from genomeceuticals for autism to an inside look at Tourette's syndrome. For this issue, writers have travelled far and wide to bring you fascinating views and findings. From Toronto, Monica Hau and John Omura report back from the bi-annual International Society for Equity in Health conference with a special report on international health research. On the other side of the world, Abhishek Raut explores the unique health care situation faced by Uttaranchal, a rural region of Northern India. At McMaster, Ronald Zahoruk focuses on Dr. Hansebout's research on the use of 4-aminopyridine for spinal cord injury while my own article describes the immunological theory behind dendritic cell cancer vaccine research conducted locally by Dr. Ronan Foley, Dr. Jack Gaudie and Dr. Yonghong Wan. After reading the articles, we encourage you to continue the experience by joining our online discussion forum to discuss your thoughts and contributions at www.meducator.org.

The quality product that you now hold in your hands is a direct result of the quality work of the people behind it. First, we extend our heartfelt appreciation to our dedicated writers who have thoroughly researched to bring you this educational experience. We also give our deep gratitude to our post-graduate editors who have selflessly donated their time and expertise to ensure the highest quality content of our journal. A special thanks goes to our financial supporters, especially the Bachelor of Health Sciences Programme, for supporting our educational initiative. This year, I have had the opportunity to work with a phenomenal team of executives, I am very thankful to have had you by my side: Abhishek Raut, Vice-President, for your leadership and enthusiasm in all our endeavours; Jaron Chong, in layout and design, whose extraordinary skills and creative vision have made our publication rival those on the market; Jeannette So, our managing editor, for gate-keeping literary quality; Sammy Ali and Jennifer Tang, VP's Medical Research and Health Ethics, for their close work with writers and keen eyes for quality content; Thien Huynh, VP Website, for



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