The MCV Quarterly ceases publication with this issue. No journal of this type can be self-supporting and we bow to the inevitable reality of inflation.

The idea of the Quarterly came from Sami Said. Almost single handed he cajoled and coerced the Dean of the School of Medicine into finding the money for publication. Throughout its existence MCV/Q has remained true to its stated purpose of disseminating "scientific information from all sources", resisting several attempts to convert it into a "house journal" or popular newssheet. In essence, it has been the printed pivot of continuing education in the medical school.

It is hard to name the people behind the success, albeit temporary, of MCV/Q. The editors, of course—Sami Said and Fair Goodale—but even more so the Managing Editors—the last of whom was Mary Park Johnson; the cover designer—Raymond Geary—whose eye catching, balanced designs have been a feature of the Quarterly since its inception; and finally, the Deans of the School of Medicine—Drs. Kinloch Nelson, Warren Pierse, and Jesse Steinfeld.

"Publish or perish" is an academic aphorism today. Regretfully, we perish—but at least we published for sixteen enjoyable years.

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