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Letters

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to a recent article published in the *Reporter* describing an interview with Robert Savoie after his presentation to a Management Forum meeting.

Referring to a need for McGill to make efforts to retain the best employees, Mr. Savoie is quoted as saying, "We won't be able to keep the same kind of loyalty in the future."

I would like to argue that loyalty to McGill University is one of its most valued assets, which should be acknowledged and encouraged. Loyalty to McGill means faculty members who remain at the University and put up with all the stress of adversarial politics and budget cuts, even though opportunities may exist in other prestigious institutions. They stay because it's McGill. Loyalty means staff members who continue to work harder and harder as staff cuts continue and financial rewards diminish, and in many cases under environmental working conditions which are less than ideal. Most stay because it's McGill.

Finally, loyalty to McGill means the millions of dollars generously given to the University every year by our alumni, who, by the way, include a large number of our faculty and staff. I propose that we strive to keep this loyalty to McGill, an institution many of us have come to deeply appreciate.

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