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From the Head

No submission this month

For Your Info

There is a new grandmother in our midst. **Ruth Tan** has a healthy grandson. His name is Jason and he weighed in at a whopping 9+ pounds.

Thank you

"I'd like to thank you for your note and for the exquisitely carved bird. You could not have picked a nicer gift! I'm very fond of birds, living as I do, in a somewhat rural area and love to fee them and try to "outfox" the squirrels.

Please extend my thanks and deep appreciation to all my friends in the Department.

I shall indeed be by periodically." Yours sincerely, **Marian Arnold**

"Please accept this rather belated 'thank you' for the very nice departmental reception which you, Barb, and Sally organized at the time of my retirement in June.

As you know I approached this event with considerable trepidation, but it turned out to be a very enjoyable and entertaining party for me, and I hope, for the others who attended.

I am enjoying retirement even more than I had anticipated (is that possible?). I am glad to be free of the fray of the excessively challenging events associated with our current chaotic health care scene. Good luck to the entire department!"

Bill Corbett



Appointments, Awards & Professional Activities

Mr. Lloyd Kennedy is this year's recipient of the RSA Prentice Award for Excellence in Teaching.

David Kydd is this year's recipient of the **RSA Prentice Award** for the resident with the best presentation.

Each year the Department rewards the Pathology 420 student with the best project. One of last year's recipients has sent the following "thank you". "Dear Dr. Taylor, I would like to express my (slightly belated!) thank you to you, and the Pathology Department for the thoughtful and useful gift.

Much that I have learned in my undergrad thesis will be valuable in my future academic plans.

Many thanks," **Aryn Martin Positions Available**

In August, ASIP began an information listing of positions available in

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academic pathology. At that time, they queried a network of 80 ASIP members and currently have 26 listings!

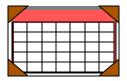
APC has agreed to be a partner in identifying positions through the use of this LISTSERV. If you have an open position that is not on their list, please send the following information, preferably by e-mail:

-Type of position (e.g., Assistant Professor, Postdoctoral fellow) -Position description (e.g., what area, what level of expertise is expected, anticipated duties, starting date) -Person to contact (name, address,

phone, fax, e-mail)

This LISTSERV is being used only to solicit new entries, not to publish positions. The list is updated when new information is received. The full list is available by calling 1-800-967-2152 and requesting document #105 to be sent to the caller's fax machine. Those receiving the full document (currently 10 pages) are then on their own to make further inquiries.

Please send your position descriptions or your comments to: fpitlick@pathol.faseb.org



Calendar of Events

Department of Pathology Research Seminars: Tuesdays, 4:00 pm Richardson Amphitheatre, Richardson Labs

Date Speaker October 8 Dr. S

October 8 Dr. S. Vanner
October 15 Ms Angela Keightley
October 22 Dr. David Viswanatha, U.
of New Mexico
October 29 Dr. Megan Lim, NCI/NIH
November 5 To be announced
November 12 Ms Leah Young
November 19 Lawrence Martens,
Jonathan Pollett
November 26 Mr. Kurt Almquist
December 3 Dr. David Hipfner
December 10 To be announced
December 17 Ms Megan Begbie / Mr.
Lee Fraser

Graduate Students: Please ensure that you and your supervisor will be available on the date that you are listed to give your seminar.

Monday October 14th: Queen's, KGH and HDH will be "closed" for Thanksgiving a Statutory Holiday.

Special Path Seminars

Special Seminar: Thursday, October 17th, 1996, 12:30 pm, Richardson Room 107, Dr. Dilys Rapson, "A Model of Hematopathological Practice in a Community Hospital"

Tuesday, October 22nd, 1996, 4:00 pm, Richardson Amphitheatre, Dr. Megan Lim, "Lymphoproliferative Disorders Associated with Inherited Fas Gene Mutations".

Tuesday, October 29th, 1996, 4:00 pm, Richardson Amphitheatre, Dr. David Viswanatha, "Correlation of PML-RARa Fusion mRNA Type with Clinical, Morphologic and Cytogenetic Features in Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia".

General News

Douglas Library is scheduled to reopen in the summer of 1997 and will be home to the new centralized engineering and science library.

The Queen's Pension Plan reports for the last 12 months a net gain of: ~14%. New forms for Queen's staff must be returned by Friday October 18th.

Everyone at KGH received a notice with their pay stub. Canada Savings Bonds are available until October 18th. Forms are available in Human Resources.

A quick poll around the office revealed no one with detailed information about the crest embedded over the entrance to Richardson Labs. A call to Queen's archives will result in the dispatch of one of their staff sometime in the near future to take a look at it and maybe tell us more about it.

Call for Nominations

We have received notices regarding elections to be held in March 1997 to elect faculty and staff to the Board of Trustees, as

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well as nominations for Staff Recognition Awards. For more information and nomination forms please see Barb in Dr. Manley's office. Completed forms should be returned directly to the Secretary of the University, no later than 4:00 pm on **Tuesday**, **October 15**, **1996**.

Resident's Column

Submitted by Lois Shepherd Lots of Resident news this month. Our first ever Resident's Research Day was held on September 18th followed by the Faculty/Resident BBQ and was a great success. We had a whole range of presentations from Utilization issues. turn-around times, health policy, clinical and surgical pathology questions, some proposals for discussion and a couple of basic science presentations - all well prepared and nicely presented. Retiring to the University club was as always, a very pleasant evening. David Kvdd was awarded the Prentice Prize for Best Resident Presentations over the past year. This he collected whilst carrying on heavy negotiations with the Queen's parking and Kingston Police following a little problem (Queen's fault) at the underground parking lot.

Lloyd Kennedy was the unanimous awardee and well deserving recepient of the Annual award given by the residents to the best teacher within Pathology. Dr. Prentice presented this award to Lloyd at a recent CCC as he unfortunately was away for the BBQ. Our former residents are doing very well. Charles Yee has

just successfully done his
American Board Specialty exam in
Hematopathology and has arrived
in West Palm Beach to take up his
position in Clinical Path. Patrick
Vanderhoeven was at the CAP
meeting in Halifax, is thriving and
recruiting pathologists to join his
practice in Australia. He seems
very happy down under, has three
children and has found a very
satisfying practice. Hedy Boutros
had

a very interesting poster presentation at the CAP and is going to do both her Royal College exams as well as the American Boards. Hedy has continued on in her Cardiovascular Fellowship in London. John Vu had a nice presentation at the CAP as well. And we await to hear

Changgao

Yang's report form the ASCP in SanDiego. Changgao as many of you will know has been offered a Surgical Pathology Fellowship for next July at UCLA - a real plum. Don't forget out residents writing exams this spring- lots of nerves and tension lies ahead but we know they will all do well.

Graduate News

A Successfully Defensive Summer submitted by David Lillicrap

On a visit to Monica Corbett's office in the Graduate School earlier this week (the Co-ordinator of thesis defences), I was amused to see her hidden by several towers of cardboard boxes. Each box contained copies of some of the 104 theses successfully defended during the month of September at Queens! This turns out to beat the

previous record for theses defended in any single month by about 20. The Department of Pathology has done its part to contribute to this record with six students finishing their degrees during the not so lazy hazy days of summer.

Nader Rahimi completed his PhD with Bruce Elliott and has now moved on to a post-doctoral position at Harvard to study the biology of vascular endothelial growth factor. Jay White has completed his MSc in Marty Petkovich's lab where he is now enrolled as a doctoral student studying a novel retinoic acidinduced target gene. **Denise** Campbell successfully defended her PhD on the mechanisms of photodynamic therapy in Jim Kennedy's lab, while **Jolene Brady** from the Lillicrap lab and **Karen Ambus** from the Greer lab completed their Masters Degrees on the developmental expression of factor IX and the molecular biology of the PML-RAR fusion protein, respectively. These three graduates will join Susan **Armstrong**, another MSc graduate from the Mueller lab, as new undergraduate medical students this Fall. Congratulations to you all, on your summer successes, and maybe we'll see you again as post-graduate medical researchers in several years time. Last, but not least, Susan Kerr returned after an absence of three vears to defend her thesis on the Genetics of the Bernard Soulier Syndrome in the Lillicrap lab.

Susan has been working as a level

1 toxicologist with the company

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CANTOX in Toronto for the last two years, and her written thesis and successful defence must have required an enormous effort to resuscitate her prior genetic and hematologic knowledge.

Finally, congratulations to **Leah Young** (Campling and Gerlach labs) on her successful comprehensive defence of the potential role of the protein, GADD 153, in mediating resistance to the chemotherapeutic agent, Cisplatin.

Undergraduate News:

The Phase I manual has been completed and is off in the Campus Bookstore as we speak. All faculty members involved in teaching should have received their copies by now.

Grants & Deadlines

Marty/Royce/Lynett Scholarships

Awards are made annually to women graduates of Queen's University for a year of study and research or to pursue an endeavour which contributes to the advancement of knowledge, contributes to society or allows creative expression. The deadline is November 15th. For further information please contact the Student Awards Office, 545-2216.

Botterell Fund

This year's deadline will be October 18, 1996. This fund supports research in the neurological sciences. Submit applications on Faculty of Medicine forms; original + 2 copies.

Garfield Kelly Cardiovascular Research and Development Fund

This fund offers a competition again this year. It can support basic or clinical studies in cardiovascular function in health or disease. Applications should be submitted on Faculty of Medicine forms; original + 4 copies.

Amounts requested should not exceed \$5,000. Applications must be received by the Faculty

Research Office by October 18, 1996.

Violet E. Powell Fund

This fund supports research in encephalitis. Applications should be submitted on Faculty of Medicine forms; original + 4 copies. Deadline is October 18, 1996.

March of Dimes

The March of Dimes seeks proposals requesting grant support of basic studies relating to gene therapy. The projects should be directed towards the development of vectors for gene delivery. Only investigators with a track record of research in this field may apply. Applicants must be members of not-for-profit institutions.

Each potential applicant should write a letter of intent addressed to the Vice President for Research. This letter, submitted in quadruplicate, should indicate the writer's full name, address, telephone and fax numbers and email designation on the top of the 1st page; should be limited to two pages, typewritten single spaced on one side of bond paper, in a print no smaller than 10 pitch, or 12 point nonproportional print, with one inch margins. It should be accompanied by four copies of one additional page listing current relevant grant support.

These letters should be postmarked no later than **November 30th, 1996**. Those selected to apply will receive March of Dimes forms and will be requested to meet the deadline of **February 28th, 1997**. Funding for the successful applicants will

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begin on May 1, 1997.

Postdoctoral Research Fellowship

The Parke-Davis Research
Institute is seeking a postdoctoral
fellow to conduct basic research in
the field of biochemical/
molecular/in vitro toxicology. The
fellow will collaborate with
scientists qualified in toxicology,
pharmacology, pathology and
related areas working at the
forefront of new drug
development.

It is anticipated that the fellowship will be co-sponsored by the MAC/PMAC Health Program. The award will adhere to the MAC award guidelines for fellowships, and will be for a duration of up to three years.

Applicants should forward a letter with curriculum vitae and the names of three references to: Personnel, Department, Parke-Davis Research Institute, Sheridan Science & Technology Park, 2270 Speakman Drive, Mississauga, Ontario, L5K 1B4. Deadline is October 15, 1996. For further information, contact Dr. Robin Walker, tel. 905-822-3520; fax. 905-822-1049, e-mail. walke01@aa.wl.com

1997-98 Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Scholarships

We have received the "Guidelines for Completeness of Applications for PGS A and PGS B" from NSERC for this year's competition. There are a number of changes to the program. If you would like to see a copy of these guidelines please see Barb in Dr.

Manley's office.

Changes in NSERC Forms for 1996

There have been significant changes in the 1996 forms 100 and 101 for NSERC. If you are making an application to NSERC this fall please ensure you are aware of the changes in these forms. For details see Barb in Dr. Manley's office.

NSERC - Visiting Fellowships in Canadian Government Laboratories

There are now application forms and guidelines. There are now three competitions held per year. The deadline dates for the next three competitions are November 30, 1996, March 15, 1997 and July 15, 1997. Please see Barb in Dr. Manley's office for more information.

Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada

We have received the updated application forms for the various research opportunities offered by the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada. For a copy of these forms please see Barb in Dr. Manley's office.

Queen's National Scholar Competition

Applications for the current competition are to be sent directly to Vice-Dean Flynn and are due in the Faculty Office on November 29, 1996. Please note that the original plus 12 copies are required.

PSI Application Forms

Submission dates for PSI applications for next year are: November 20, 1996 and February 20, 1997.

Bickell Foundation Fall Competition

The deadline for the BF is **December 1, 1996**. Applications must be forwarded by the Dean to the organization. To meet the deadline, all applications must reach the Faculty Office no later than: Monday, November 18, **1996, 4:00 p.m.** As per the guidelines, Queen's is not allowed to submit more than three applications. Please submit an original plus two copies, along with a completed Faculty of Medicine Research Data Summary and Signature Sheet. Applications are available in the Medical Research Office, Room 237 Botterell Hall, extension 4062.

Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International

The JDFI announces the availability of grants in diabetes research for the funding year September 1, 1997 to August 31, 1998. The new deadline for submission of grant applications is February 1, 1997. Fifteen copies of the complete application must be received at this time. The first two pages must be submitted no later than January 15, 1997. For application forms contact: Grant Administrator, Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International, 120 Wall Street, New York, NY 10005, USA. Tel. (212) 785-9500, fax (212) 785-9595 and e-mail: rmarsch@idf.usa.com New forms will be available after October 15,

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Focus on Research

No submission this month

This space is intended for researchers to say a little bit about events in their labs. Since this doesn't seem to be happening, some of you lab workers are going to be drafted real soon now!:)

The Dieu News

No submission this month



The KGH Connection



Submitted by Shirley McDonald

! Teleconferences/Education for October:

Wed., Oct. 16 (1300 - 1700 hrs) - CPR Heart Saver Wed., Oct. 30 (0900 - 1700 hrs) - CPR Basic Rescuer Thurs., Oct. 10 (1430 - 1515 hrs) -"Atypical Squamous Cells of Uncertain Significance in a PAP" Tues., Oct. 15 (1430 - 1515 hrs) -"Diagnosis of Chlamydia - From Microscope to the Molecular" Thurs., Oct. 24 (1430 - 1515 hrs) -"Mimics of Lymphoma - Benign or Malignant"

ALL TELECONFERENCES/ VIDEOCONFERENCES ARE HELD IN TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT, EMPIRE 1, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

! Hospital Library (Dietary 3)

- The following new books and guidelines are available for loan:
- "Textbook of Gastroenterology" (Yamada, Alpers etc.)
- "Essential Pathology" (Rubin, Farber)
- "Tietz Fundamentals of Clinical Chemistry, 4th ed (Burtis, Ashwood)
- "Renegotiating Health Care" (Marcus, Dorn, Kritbk, Miller, Wyatt)
- "JHH 1996 Guide to Medical Care of Patients With HIV, 6th ed" (Bartlett)

- "Basic Histology", 8th ed (Junqueira, Carneiro, Kelley)
- "Canadian Medical Law", 2nd ed (Sneiderman, Irvine, Osborne)

! Hospital Renovations

- The Watkins elevator repair is finished! Numbers for the floors have been changed to coincide with the rest of the hospital. This means that the top floor is now 6 (Information Technology), Financial Planning is on 5, Payroll is on 4, physicians' offices are on 3, the ground floor is 2, and Occupational Health and Human Resources are on 1. For those using this elevator often (or those over 40!) the changes may be confusing at first, but it gets better with use (doesn't everything?).

! Miscellaneous

- Beat the 'Flu! Vaccine available free to hospital staff (yes, they're even giving it away!) Clinics being held Monday to Friday, October 15-18 (0800-1700hrs) in Occupational Health (Watkins 0 oops Watkins 1).
- 50/50 Draw: The next draw is October 18. Tickets are \$1.00 or 3/\$2.00, available from the Cashier (Davies main entrance), Main Lobby, and Cafeteria. Proceeds to the United Way.
- Yes, there are bats in the belfries! By now you have probably heard that a rabid bat or two have been found in the KGH halls.

 Remember that if you see a bat (eg. on nights) try to contain it by closing doors, but do not attempt to catch it or antagonize it. Call the Batline pager 319, Environmental Services ready 24 hours a day to deal with the

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critters.

KGH Auxiliary Christmas
 Harvest will be held on
 Wednesday, October 30 in the Old
 Cafeteria on Connell 3.

What's Happening in the Labs? No report.

Health & Safety Report FALL WHMIS TRAINING SESSIONS

This years Fall WHMIS training sessions will be held for all new lab technicians, faculty, post-doctoral fellows and graduate students in the technical departments. Three sessions will be offered at the times and locations listed below. Each session will run for approximately 3 hours and there will be a course evaluation and short test at the end of the session.

Friday October 25th 1:00 - 4:00 Dupuis Auditorium

Please contact Blake Gubbins if you wish to attend. We will schedule alternate sessions if there is reasonable demand (fifteen or more persons).

The sessions presented will be a general overview of the legal requirements of the Occupational Health & Safety Act and WHMIS Regulations. Follow up departmental sessions at each work site should also be given so course participants have a true understanding of the hazards in their specific lab or work site.

Buy Sell & Trade

Wanted: Futon frame (Queen sized) for use mainly as a couch. No futon... just the frame!; curtains/drapes for patio door (6-10' wide, 84" high) preferably heavy or double thickness or lined to keep out winter cold. ForSale: orange patterned fabric vertical blinds, 2 clips broken (use duct tape instead) approx 72"x84" \$25; white vinyl vertical blinds approx 72"x84" \$40

Contact Kevin 545-6000 ext 4889

Wanted: Ride urgently needed from Lansdowne to KGH. Hours 8 am - 4 pm. Willing to share expenses. Please call Sally at 545-2850 or 659-4105.



Computer Support

Contact for Problem/ questions related to: KGH Floors

Pathology Novell Network

- Kevin Kell Q-4889 Hardware/Software
- KGH K-1396

Connection to Queen's services

- Kevin Kell Q-4889
- Lab Information System
- KGH K-1396 Software Licences
- Department Manager



Queen's Offices Pathology Novell Network

- Kevin Kell Q-4889

MVS, PCICS, Internet Services, Computing Services questions

- Kevin Kell O-4889

Computer Hardware

- Ed Tyerman Q-4901

Software

- Kevin Kell Q-4889

Software Licences

- Dave Piper, Kevin Kell

Web Server

The Department put up it's own web server during the summer to allow for more flexibility, storage space and local control than the Faculty server which we have been using up to now.

The faculty pages are still up and running at

http://meds.queensu.ca/medicine/pathology

but will be taken down once our own server has settled down. We have created a more generic "Pathology in Kingston" home page to wrap around the old pages and have added a major new subsection, for the clinical side of the house. The URL for this is: http://www.path.queensu.ca/ We have translated the Clinical Lab Manual and put it online as a reference, listed general descriptions of various units and their functions. If you have any other ideas for possible uses (eg a sample version of the Phase I manual), please contact Kevin.

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Library News

A second workstation has had WordPerfect 6.1 for windows installed. If all you are doing is word processing, **please** use this system so as to free up the flatbed scanner for other users.

Suggestions for the Library in general should be directed to Dr. John Rossiter.

Queen's Education Program

Registration forms are available from Kevin or the Computing Info Centre in Stauffer Library

Tuesday Oct 15 09:30-12:00 Introduction to Internet Tools on a MacIntosh

Wednesday Oct 15 09:30-12:00 Introduction to Unix (part 1) Wednesday Oct 16 09:30-12:00 Introduction to Internet Tools in Windows

Monday Oct 21 13:30-16:00 Advanced Web Publishing Topics Wednesday Oct 23 09:30-12:00 Introduction to Unix (part 2) Thursday Oct 24 11:00-12:00 Wordperfect to MS Word (Seminar) Monday Nov 04 13:30-16:00 Introduction to Web Publishing on a Macintosh

Wednesday Nov 06 13:30-16:00 Introduction to Web Publishing in Windows

Wednesday Nov 13 13:30-16:00 Introduction to electronic mail using eudora

Thursday Nov 21 09:30-12:00 Advanced web publishing topics Monday Nov 25 13:30-14:30 Wordperfect to MS Word (Seminar)

All graphics seen in this newsletter are in word perfect 6.1 .wpg format and are available from the Department Novell network. Back Issues of this newsletter are also available from Kevin Kell.

Pathology News Submissions

SUBMISSION DATE: Pathology News will be mailed to all faculty, housestaff, graduate students, and anyone who requests it on the Thursday following the first Monday of the month. The next deadline date for submission will be *Monday November 4th*, 1996

Send items (in order of preference) by: 1) email, 2) floppy disk, 3) paper mail, or 4) FAX.

If the submission is lengthy and if publications number more than 1 or 2, please send on disk (which will be returned promptly) in virtually any format or put on the Pathology network, location pathology/sys:general\pathnews (more commonly mapped as drive f).

Please type or print your submission and have it in a form ready to cut and paste into the newsletter.

Don't forget to indicate who submitted the information.

RETURN TO:

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