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Fall 1997 Sunset from Fort Henry

Service Milestones, KGH

10 years: Dr. S. Wasan

Upcoming Events

Healthy Work, Healthy Families

Dr. Julian Barling, Queen's School of Business speaks on Healthy Work, Healthy Families, Thursday, March 12 in Policy Studies 202, 7 pm. This lecture is associated with his 1997 Prize for Excellence in Research at Queen's.

A celebration of native culture

Native culture is on display in The Heart of our Stories, a week of music, dance, stories, speakers and workshops, March 23-27. The festival kicks off with a fine arts display. All events take place in the John Deutsch University Centre. Details: the Queen's University Native Students Association 545-6970; schedule on page 7 of today's (Mondays) Gazette.

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INFECTIOUS VACCINES

A novel vaccine derived from recumbent DNA that is not infectious, but easily spread, is the Hepatitis B banana (Wall Street Journal, March 9, 1994:B6). A protein from the coat of the Hepatitis B virus has been inserted into the banana plant, creating a transgenic banana that expresses hepatitis antigens in the edible fruit. The hope is that eating bananas from this plant will provide immunization against the Hepatitis B virus. This novel vaccine is being developed as a less expensive delivery system compared to the current series of three injections. Will it be "prescribed" for individuals - or released to protect entire populations at risk? The thought of health protection delivered by Tropicana or Dole is certainly a novel one. Let us await peaches against pertussis, cauliflowers against cholera, and tomatoes against tetanus!

Queen's News

Finance forms on-line

Staff and faculty can now access university financial forms on-line via the new Finance Group Web Site <http://www.notes.queensu.ca/finance.nsf> Services include Internal Audit, Purchasing, Resources Planning and Pensions, Investments and Insurance. Forms include cheque requisition, travel expense claims, journal entries and new account requests. Information: Terena Grice, ext. 4157, <gricet@notes.queensu.ca>

Staff needed for Senate positions

Several staff positions are available on University Senate committees. These include:
Ban Righ Board
Bookstore
Budget Review

Campus Planning and Development
Harassment/Discrimination Complaint Board
Health Counselling and Disability Service
Advisory Council

Application details on the Secretariat website
<http://www.queensu.ca/secretariat/senate/vacancy>
or
e-mail <senate@post.queensu.ca>

Queen's Phys Ed Centre

Queen's Athletics and Recreation's new fitness area in the Physical Education Centre is officially open. The \$1.5-million project includes a 10,000-square-foot fitness and cardiovascular training area and an improved ventilation system. The upper area, housing Queen's Lifestyle and Fitness Centre and academic research labs for the School of Physical and Health Education, opens in the near future.

Members of the Queen's community are invited to name the new fitness area in return for some great prizes. Details: Queen's Athletics and Recreation Department.

The KGH Connection

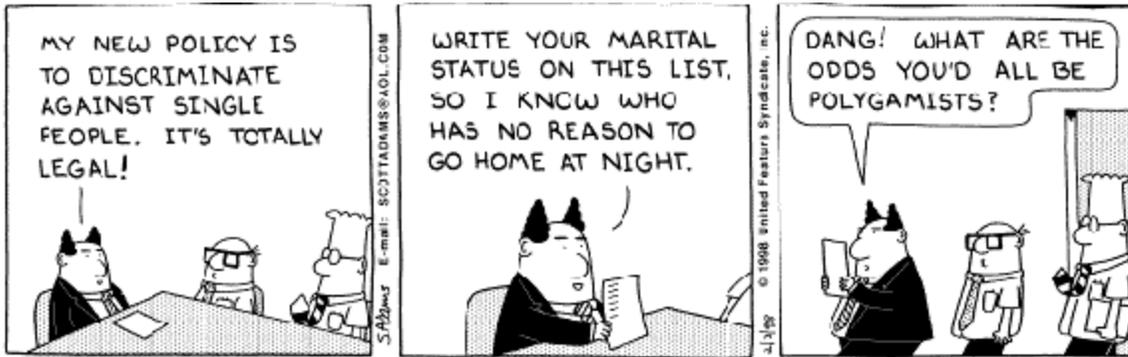
! Teleconferences/Education for March:

- Tuesday, March 17, 0900 - 1500 hrs: "CPR - Basic Rescuer"
- Friday, March 13, 0900 - 1000 hrs: "Windows NT/'95"
- Wednesday, March 25, 1000 - 1200 hrs: "Windows NT/'95"

! New Library Books (KGH library is located on Dietary 3)

- "The Human Brain and Spinal Cord" (Heimer)
- "Textbook of Neuropathology" (Davis, Robertson)

! Miscellaneous



students. The course will cover the basic and advanced concepts of molecular biology through lectures and laboratory demonstrations

• Going to Florida for March Break? Join the KGH Disney Price Club, and get discounts on attractions, car rental, hotel and cruise costs! Available from Public Relations.

- Are you an Internet Surfer? Visit the Infection Control Website at:

<http://www.path.queensu.ca/kgb/cl/ic/index.htm>

Submitted by Shirley McDonald, Infection Control

Research News

Grant Awards

Congratulations on his successful grant application:

Dr. D. Zoutman has received a PSI grant: Determinants influencing physicians' and patients' expectations and behaviors towards the prescribing of antibiotics for upper respiratory tract infections. \$140,000 over 2 years. Collaborators: Kanji Nakatsu, Assil Bassili in Dept of Pharmacology & Toxicology, and Jarry Cosby, McMaster University.

ASIP

The American Society for Investigative Pathology is once again presenting its course "Concepts in Molecular Biology", May 28-31, 1998 in Bethesda, Maryland. This course is highly recommended to senior and junior faculty as well as residents and

. Molecular diagnostics will also be added to the program this year. If you require additional information please visit their web site: http://asip.uthscsa.edu/cmb_info.html or call the ASIP office at 301-530-7130 or fax: 301-571-1879.

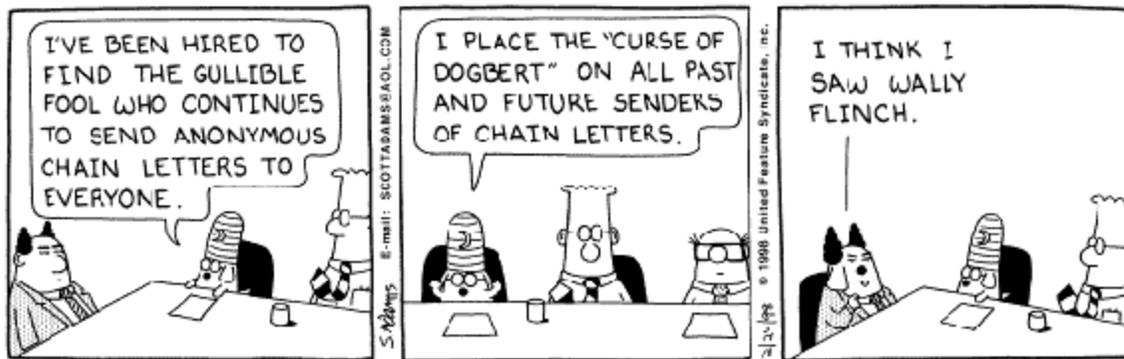
Louis and Artur Lucian Award

McGill is once again looking for nominations for the 12th Annual Louis and Artur Lucian Award for Research in Circulatory Disease. This award is designed to honor outstanding research in the field of diseases of the circulation. The Award provides for financial support of the investigators and their families during their visit. It is hoped that through this Award, collaborative research in the field of circulatory diseases can be established between McGill and research centers elsewhere in Canada, the USA and other countries of the world. Nomination forms and conditions of the award are available from Barb in Dr. Manley's office.

Observations From A Conference

OMENS

The speaker, a well dressed fellow in a light pinstripe suit, wore an aggressive rather floridly coloured tie and yet showed signs of insecurity. His tie was both neatly and firmly knotted about his neck, but also securely buttoned down at the collar. No chance of escape for this cravat. Without a fare-thee-well or even a nod, he firmly grasped the laser pointer, casually test shot two of



* At the voodoo level ... Only God knows how we got this result

* I don't have to tell you that ... Please Don't!

the audience who suffered for their wide-eyed enthusiasm by incurring small retinal burns, and intoned the fateful words "First slide please"! It was going to be a long session.

The linkage words, those light weight meaningless noises, interspersed between the major pearls, suddenly reversed themselves like a black and white negative assuming a highlighted character with dissolution of the main content into a background nonsensical hum. Thus began a game of point and counterpoint - a subconscious voice provided rapid fire pithy commentary occasionally so loudly that surely it was audible to others.

PHRASES TO AVOID

* As you all know ... intoned the speaker
Actually I don't know, that is why I came to learn ...

* You are all familiar with ...
Actually I am not, but I would never admit it

* Today, I am going to talk to you ...
Damn, I thought it was going to be a display of Hari-Kari

* Just as you would think ...
A statement like that immediately encourages contra thought

* We have all known for some time ...
Nobody ever keep me up to date on juicy gossip!

* Time does not allow ...
Solve that! Use metric time!

* This slide is too busy ...
Why show it?

* I won't bother to ... except
Stick to your guns. Don't bother!

* You can't read this anyway ...
I agree

* This is a complex problem ...
No one else but I can understand it

* In my lab, ... in our hands ... etc
No one else has the same results

* Most people agree ...
I am the only one who thinks ...

* and lastly x 3, and finally x 4, and this is my last slide x 5
When will it ever end?

and finally the classic

* " ... and do you have any comments on this case Dr. Rosenkrantz"?
"No, I don't. That is to say, blah blah 5 minutes blah blah!"

To ensure that the message is clear and well communicated, do not pad the lecture with

meaningless, distracting, and attention diverting patter.

Richardson Research Seminars

Tuesday at 4:00pm in Richardson Amphitheatre

March 10	Dr. Trevor Baglin
March 17	Dr. Salem
March 24	Dr. Dave Picketts DL
March 31	Grad Students: Kelly Wilton, Ben Matthews
April 7	Grad Students: Chris Udell
April 14	Dr. Claire Shovlin
April 21	Grad Student: Mian Gao
April 28	Dr. Helene Sage
May 5	Susan Abu-Abed, Greg Lo
May 12th	Cancelled until September

Clinical News

We've Moved

Microbiology, Infection Control and Infectious Diseases have all moved to Douglas 3. Phone numbers have not changed.

Province announces hospital restructuring

Hotel Dieu and St. Mary's of the Lake hospitals will close under hospital restructuring plans announced Feb. 23 by the province. Kingston General Hospital will be expanded and renovated as the primary acute-care facility in the region under the new plan, with Kingston Psychiatric Hospital taking on ambulatory care, walk-in emergency and some long-term care services. Services currently offered at St. Mary's will move to KGH and KPH. Services at Hotel Dieu will move to KPH. The provincial restructuring committee says the new plan will save the province

about \$50 million. The new plan is expected to take effect by April, 2000.

Positions Available

University of Wisconsin-Madison

The University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine has an opening for a position as Academic Cytopathologist to start 7/1/98. The individual will be expected to contribute to the mission of the Department via participation in the teaching programs, training of residents, fellows, graduate students and cytotechnologists, participation in continuing medical education programs and the establishment of a high quality independent research program. The position will also provide cytology and fine needle aspiration services as part of the cytopathology team. Candidates must be Board Certified in anatomic pathology and preferably in cytopathology as well and should be qualified for unrestricted medical licensure in Wisconsin. CVs and letters of interest should be sent to: Michael N. Hart, M.D., Chair, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 6152 MSC, 1300 University Avenue, Madison, WI 53706-1532, USA

University of Massachusetts Medical Center

The Division of Anatomic Pathology of the University of Massachusetts Medical Center has an opening for a Surgical Pathologist at the Assistant or Associate Professor level. Candidates must be BC/BE in Anatomic Pathology. They are seeking candidates with expertise in surgical pathology and an area of subspecialty interest. Preference may be given to candidates with expertise in GU or bone and soft tissue pathology. Candidates should have a proven interest in research and teaching and experience in modern diagnostic techniques. Send CV and names and addresses of three references to: Bruce A. Voda, MD, Director, Division of Anatomic Pathology, University of Massachusetts Medical Center, 55 Lake Avenue North,

Worcester, MA 06155 USA. E-mail for questions is: <BWoda@umassmed.edu>

Grants'n'Such

Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada Innovations in IBD Research: A Special Competition

The Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada invites applications for an Innovative Research Grant to fund novel or innovative approaches to Inflammatory Bowel Disease research. This is an annual award with a maximum stipend of \$20,000. The deadline for submission of applications is **April 1, 1998**. For further information or application forms, contact: Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada, 301-21 St. Clair Avenue East, Toronto, Ontario M4T 1L9. Tel: 416-920-5035, Fax: 416-929-0364, e-mail: <ccfclw@netcom.ca> Applications can also be downloaded from web site @ www.cfc.ca.

The Armstrong Ontario Fellowship in Nutrition Sciences Relation to IBD

This fellowship was created as a bequest which stipulates that the funds be used in Ontario by Canadian residents to support nutritional research in IBD, particularly Crohn's disease. This is a limited term Fellowship. Deadline for submission is **April 1, 1998**. Applications can be downloaded from web site @ www.cfc.ca.

Principal's Development Fund

Category B1. i) To provide support to new faculty members to assist them in beginning their research programs and in obtaining external funding; ii) to provide seed funding in support of new research initiatives for established faculty members. Applications under these sections will be submitted on ARC forms by **Jan 15, 1999** for the 1998/99 competition. iii) to provide funding for SSHRC applicants whose individual grant

applications received an adjudication of approved but not funded (category 4A) in the most recent competition.

Category B2: To provide conference travel support for new and established researchers. **Sept. 15, Jan. 15 and April 15**. Further information on these programs can be found on the ORS home page at <http://www.queensu.ca/vpr/ors/ors.htm>.

Parkinson Foundation of Canada (PFC)

PFC is offering two programs in the fields related to Parkinson's Disease.

Fellowship: The candidate must hold a PhD or MD. Can be held at any Canadian University where the proposed supervisor hold a faculty appointment. Deadline is **April 30, 1998**.

Research Grant: Grants may be used for operating expenses and equipment costs essential to the conduct of projects with objectives relevant to Parkinson's disease. Candidate must hold an appointment in a Canadian University Faculty of Medicine or related Health Science. Deadline is **April 30, 1998**.

Schizophrenia Society of Canada

In 1993, Dr. Michael Smith generously donated \$250,000 of his Nobel Prize for the training of scientists in the area of molecular genetics of the central nervous system with special emphasis on schizophrenia. To achieve excellence in research a close cooperation with the MRC was suggested. Applicants must be Canadian, hold a PhD or health professional degree and meet the MRC's criteria for excellence. The value of the award is equivalent to the MRC Fellowship stipends. Deadline for applications is **April 1 and November 1** using the MRC 18 application form. For further information contact the Office of Research Services at Queens 6081.

Richardson News

The monthly Richardson get-together will be held on Tuesday, March 10th at 10:00 am in Richardson 3 Lounge. Birthdays (that we know of) of the month are: Lawrence Martens and David LeBrun.

Network News

DON'T Join This Crew!

A number of people at Queen's and KGH have asked about a message warning against a so-called e-mail virus called "Join the Crew".

According to the Computer Incident Advisory Capability (CIAC), this is yet another example of an Internet hoax. "For a virus to spread, it must be executed. Reading a mail message does not execute the mail message.... Reading e-mail, using typical mail agents, cannot activate malicious code delivered in or with the message."

The CIAC recommends that if you receive such a message, and it has an attachment, you delete both the message and the attachment. If you receive just the message, delete the message.

Please DO NOT circulate unvalidated virus alerts.

Pegasus Mail

The current version of our Pegasus Mail for windows is 2.55 We are expecting an upgrade in the next couple of months.

Mail stats (in & out traffic) for:
February 1998: 6680 messages
February 1997: 4182 messages

Adobe Acrobat reader v3.0 is available for installation... Contact Kevin or do it yourself:
Run the program (for windows 3.1x):
h:\software\16\ar16e30.exe
(for windows NT):
h:\software\32\ar32e30.exe
where drive h: is pathology/drive6 (note that you may have it mapped as another drive eg M or S)

Netscape Navigator:

Current versions of Netscape Navigator currently running in the Dept. Range from v2.02 to v4.04 The newer versions require much more hardware to run (drive space, CPU and RAM) and in many cases will not run on lower end machines, and in some cases won't run on the higher ones either. Netscape recently stopped charging for the browser software and released the source code. What this means is that temporarily at least we won't be seeing any newer versions of it.

Article 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 April 6th, 1998*

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\drive2:general\pathnews* (more commonly mapped as *drive g*).

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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There actually is a story behind these photos... and if we get it before we go to press great! If not you'll have to read about it next month.

