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575 days until 1999 December 31



Time Sculpture on the Kingston waterfront

Upcoming Events

Annual Staff Photo

The Annual Staff Photo has been rescheduled for **Tuesday, June 9th at 12:15 pm**. It will be at the front doors of Richardson Labs.

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The next holiday is Wednesday July 1st

Care to hull, run, serve or scoop?

The annual **QUSA Strawberry Social** takes place Wednesday June 24, and volunteers are needed for berry duty. If you can help hull berries June 23, or assist with kitchen duties (1/2 hour shifts) June 24, please e-mail the staff association office or call Q-2215.

Day of Action requests

Queen's University will be open as usual on June 8, a provincial Day of Action in Kingston. Employees who wish to take part in the protest, and whose absence will not affect the university's critical operations, are asked to make arrangements with their immediate supervisor or department head well ahead of time. Employees may request the day off as a vacation day, lieu time, or a day without pay. Information, see your department head, or contact Human Resources.

FYI

Congratulations to **Colleen Notley** on her 5th year milestone in Pathology and to **Kelli Becker** - Cytology for 10 years. Congratulations to **Drs. SenGupta, Shepherd** and **Zoutman** on their promotions from Assistant to Associate Professor.

HOW DO YOU KNOW WHEN SUMMER HAS ARRIVED? THE SUMMER STUDENTS ARE HERE!!!! (aaaaaaaaaaaaah!!!!)

WELCOME TO:

Mark Baumgartner, Database Development & Research Assistant for Dr. Rossiter
 David Messenger, Research Assistant for Dr. Rossiter
 Michael J. Suhonos (Miller) 3-D Image Analysis Research Assistant for Dr. Boag
 Dan Waugh, Research Assistant for Dr. Collier
 Sue Samson, MRC Studentship with Dr. Mulligan
 Lawrence Korngut, Research Assistant with Dr. Mulligan
 Kristine J. Roland, Clinical Assistant with Dr. Ford
 Ronald Grondin, Clinical Assistant with Dr. Ford

And Even More Summer Students!

Miriam Potter - MRC Studentship with Dr. Harrison
 Alexis McKinven - Research Assistant with Dr. Lillcrap

Evan Merrick - Research Assistant with Dr. Kisilevsky
 Jennifer Bow - Research Assistant with Dr. Kisilevsky
 Erica Volkmeyer - ASH Summer Student with Dr. Shepherd

Queen's News

The Queens **Staff BBQ** was held on Wed May 28th and for a change had perfect weather! And good food too. Still had the same cheesy music though.

Queen's has announced its **new phone exchange**, to take effect Dec. 31 of this year. The new exchange, 533, is part of a consolidation of Queen's phone system, which will also see five-digit internal extensions introduced at the same time.

WHAT?

Queen's telephone numbers will increase from four-digit numbers for internal dialing to five digits. At the same time, the external Direct-In-Dial numbers will change from 545 and 536 to 533 (example: 545-6000 becomes 533-6000).

WHEN?

The changes will take place during the December break, 1998.

WHY?

Queen's is quickly running out of numbers because of growth in new telephones and in new telecommunications applications on campus.

WHO?

Everyone. This change will involve every phone number for Queen's.

The KGH Connection

! Teleconferences/Education for June:

- 18 June/98 (1400-1445 hrs) - "Use of Special Stains in the Diagnosis of Cat Scratch Disease, Leukemia and Fungal Infections"

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

! Hospital Renovations

- Renovations continue in the Emergency Department

! Miscellaneous

- The annual KGH Staff picnic is scheduled for Saturday, June 20 from 1000 - 1500 hrs. at Grass Creek Park (Hwy 2 behind MacLachlan Woodworking Museum).
- Staff recognition awards and a Strawberry Social will be held on June 15 at 1430 hrs in the Old Cafeteria. All staff are welcome!
- Going to Wonderland in June? Special prices are available for KGH staff until July 1. Tickets available at the Development office Nickel 2
- ...and for those going to Niagara Falls, get your discount coupons for MarineLand at the Development Office, Nickel 2
- Market truck stops at the KGH main entrance every payday
- July 10 is the KGH Staff Golf Tournament. Call Ext. 3755 to register.

HAPPY SUMMER!! ☺

Research News

Richardson Research Seminars

Tuesday at 4:00 pm in Richardson Amphitheater

May 12th	Cancelled until September
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Summer Safety Note.

Members of the department working in laboratories are reminded that
WEARING SHOES WITH OPEN TOES IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!
Blake Gubbins, Safety Officer

Positions Available

Research Technician, Division of Hematology,
Queens Department of Medicine

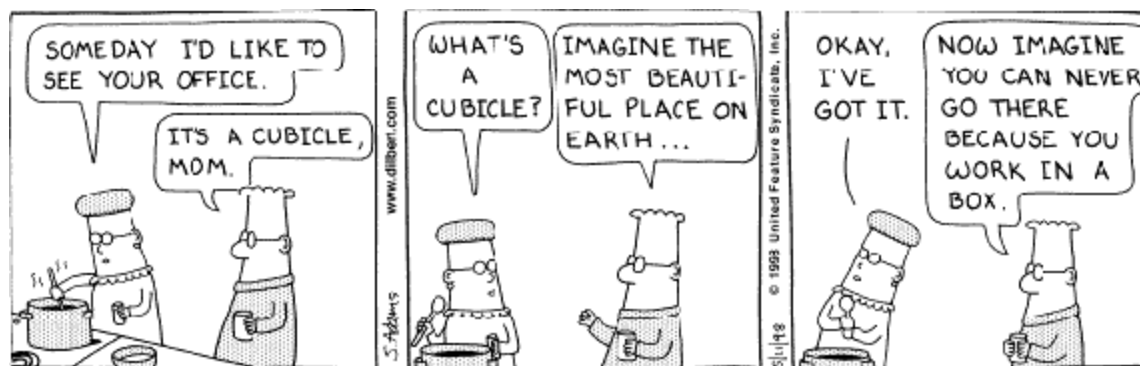
This is a one year position beginning July 1, 1998 with possibility of renewal.

Major responsibilities: carrying out experiments pertaining to the investigation of blood substitutes and their effects on blood clotting in vivo and in vitro.

Other responsibilities include: troubleshooting when problems arise in experiments; maintaining the inventory and ordering of laboratory supplies; ensuring that when experiments on animals are performed, the animals are humanely treated at all times. The incumbent should be available to address issues that arise regarding the animals while they are in the animal quarters, or defer these issues to the Supervisor.

Required: technologist diploma or BSc. in a related area.

Special Skills: experience with vascular procedures and minor surgical procedures on small animals essential. In particular, venipuncture, cannulation of major vessels, cardiac puncture. Experience with small animal analgesia and anesthesia is required; experience with the



Smyth Road,
Ottawa,
Ontario. K1H
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Positions Wanted

Ye, Jing is

looking for a summer position. Her skills include: microscopy for dissociation, cell culture, especially neuron and muscle, DNA-extraction, PCR, gel electrophoresis, transformation, southern transfer, hybridization probing, DNA sequence and computer data processing. If you are interested in hiring someone and would like a copy of her CV, see Barb in Dr. Manley's office.

following in vitro procedures: preparation of washed platelets, platelet aggregometry, ELISA, other colorimetric assays, and gel filtration; ability to work with minimal direct and immediate supervision; must be able to learn new techniques.

Salary: \$29,005 Salary Grade 5

Apply in writing to Dr. D. H. Lee, Etherington Hall, Room 2013 (or Room 2015 if 2013 closed), Queen's University, Kingston. Application letters should be accompanied by a curriculum vitae or resume, transcripts (if recent graduates), and the names of three referees.

Ottawa General Hospital - Hematopathologist

This is a teaching hospital affiliated with the University of Ottawa, has active priority programs in bone marrow and organ transplants as well as oncology, neurosciences, gynecology and community care services. Candidates should have basic experience in Laboratory Hematopathology including bone marrow analysis, leukemias, lymph node pathology, blood banking, coagulation, flow cytometry, immunophenotyping and DNA techniques. In addition, FRCPC in General or Anatomical Pathology or equivalent and eligibility for Ontario Medical Licensure are essential. Salary and academic rank will be commensurate with experience and qualifications. Closing date for receipt of applications is June 30, 1998, or when the position is filled. Interested applicants should apply in writing enclosing a CV with names of three referees to: Dr. Vital Montpetit, Acting Head, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Ottawa Hospital (General Site), 501

Grants'n'Such

Health Transitions Fund - Health Canada

Health Canada is requesting proposals for a second round of national projects to be funded through the Health Transition Fund (HTF). \$10 million is now available projects, from funds allocated to the HTF in the February 1997 Budget. The Health Transition Fund was established by the federal government in 1997 in response to a recommendation by the National Forum on Health. It is designed to generate information and evidence on the organization, funding and delivery of health services in the following four priority areas: home care, pharmacare, primary care reform, integrated service delivery.

The fund provides \$30 million to national level projects and \$120 million to provincial and territorial projects on a per capita basis. Deadline for proposals is **June 18**. If you would like additional information contact Ken Beckett at 549-6666, extension 3716, e-mail: beckettk@kgh.kari.net



No major damage has been reported and only a couple of minor incidents, such as dead keyboards, have come up.

The Finkelstein Prize - Call for Nominations

This prize is intended to recognize and congratulate an individual whose work reflects excellence, either through a particular accomplishment or through continuous efforts over time. The prize has a monetary value of \$5,000 per annum. Applications must be received on the prescribed form which is available from all CCFC offices and may be downloaded from their website at www.ccfc.ca. The deadline for the receipt of nominations is **June 30, 1998**. All nominations should be forwarded to: Michael J. Howorth, National Executive Director, Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada, 301-21 St. Clair Avenue East, Toronto, ON M4T 1L9, fax: 416-929-0364; e-mail: ccfc@netcom.ca

Misc News

Wanted: Children's or beginner's waterskis.
Contact Lloyd Kennedy at K-4193

Network News

Power failures

Sunday May 31st we were hit by two particularly vicious storms. Richardson Labs had no less than 12 power outages that morning with the final one lasting 2 ½ hours. The Douglas Wing had at least one major outage, length unknown. Tuesday June 2nd we had 5 more short outages.

Network maintenance tips

For users of the Novell Netware server Pathology: Some tips to help network operations go smoothly...

At the end of the day, log off your machine. All users must be off the system in order for the system to perform daily maintenance functions. The system will disconnect you at 2:00am if you are still on but your workstation may not take kindly to this and you may have problems in the morning.

Email maintenance tips:

Every few months go through your email folders and kill off any junk mail that you do not need anymore.

The more mail items in your folder the slower the response of your Pegasus Mail will be.

If you have received file attachments and saved them to your local disk, go ahead and delete the email... why keep two copies?

If you need to keep old correspondence why not create a new mail folder (name it for the year, eg 1995, 1996) and move the old stuff into it.

Email alone accounts for 185 Mb on our server as of today

Ontime maintenance tips:

Every few months go into your Ontime scheduler and chose:

- Options
- Maintenance
- Delete

Select all categories

Choose a reasonable date in the past (ie January 1st 1998?) and delete off any old appointments and entries.

The Ontime system has been running for almost 6 years now and I imagine most people have accumulated a whole pile of old data/appointments they no longer need.

Queen's Launches Y2K Action Plan

With the new millennium less than two years away, Queen's is gearing up to address Year 2000 issues under a recently approved action plan. Every unit on campus will be required to develop its own plan for identifying and solving potential Y2K problems.

"It's important that each area do a system administration risk assessment before September 30 1998," says Brian Thomas of ITS, who is coordinating the Queen's initiative. "This entails following the 'Org. Unit Action Plan' which steps one through the completion of the 'Queen's Unit Y2K Tracking Forms'." Based on priorities and potential risk, Y2K problems at Queen's should be corrected by September 30 1999, he adds.

For information on the situation at Queen's, including lists of "supported" software that is fully Y2K compliant, suggestions and contacts for fixing problems, as well as links to other Y2K webpages, point your browser at the ITS Year 2000 webpage. If you have further questions, contact Brian Thomas at e-mail: thomasb@post.queensu.ca or telephone 545-2228.

Web Site Development

Once again, Queen's ITS has hired 4 summer student web developers to help professors, faculties and departments design web sites. (Many thanks to the SWEP program for funding two of these students.) The aim of this service is to help faculty members or groups develop a presence on the web with a minimum amount of work. If you are a professor who would like to develop a web page for a course or a department that would like to broadcast information to the University

community, the "Web Page Assistance Service" can help you get started or add items to your page.

Check this list

<http://www.its.queensu.ca/~web98/links.html> to see who we have helped in the past.

Departments and professors are responsible for providing material in machine readable format (ie the web developers will not be keying in any information), for determining a proposed structure for the web site, and for identifying a person to maintain the web site. The student web developers will provide the artistic design, constructive advice, and a one day training session. Once the project has been completed, the professor or department is solely responsible for maintaining the site.

This request for assistance is being sent out to the Departmental Computing Representatives and to the Learning Technology Faculty Associates working with the LTU. Another request for assistance will appear in the June 15th "Gazette".

The deadline for submissions for the first two groups is Wednesday June 10th at 5:00 p.m. and the contact person will be notified on the status of their project by Tuesday June 16th. The deadline for submissions that will appear in the Gazette and also ITS' What's New (the week of June 15th) will be June 26th.

Proposals are to be submitted using the on-line form at url

<http://www.its.queensu.ca/~web98/designproject.html>.

Please note that the summer web students have more time to work on projects at the beginning of the summer than near the end.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Rose Chan at Q-2016 or Donna Hamilton at Q-2234.

Pathology Library

You may have noticed some new furniture in the library... the carrels have been replaced with lower, and better suited for computers, tables.

The Pathology Library Book & Journal Index (along with a bunch of other stuff) is now online and available from your web browser.

From <http://www.path.queensu.ca/> select the Secure internal area then the pathology library searchable index or go directly to <http://www.path.queensu.ca/secure/>

then the pathology library searchable index
Access to this is area is currently restricted to internal to the Department workstations only.

Bracken Library Access:

This is to notify you that a password change for the medline/ovid bracken library service will be in effect:

MONDAY morning May 04, 1998

If you have not received the new password from Kevin and are eligible to receive it, contact him at kell@cliff.path.queensu.ca

The Bracken Library formal agreement with each department head stipulates that this password is to be used by Faculty, Staff, Residents, Interns and Graduate Students ONLY.

Image Analysis Systems

Scanned a bunch of files on one of the image Analysis Systems and don't know how to FTP them to your computer? You can now use your Netscape Browser! Aim it at:

<http://www.path.queensu.ca/secure/image.htm> and follow the instructions posted.

Email traffic in and out of the Department

	April	May
1994	293	368
1995	1238	2441

1996	4002	3495
1997	5504	5269
1998	8837	7851

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 July 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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