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From The Head

F Lewis Tomalty has succeeded **Gloria Delisle** as the Director of the Kingston Hospitals Microbiology Laboratory subsequent to Gloria's retirement on June 30th. Lewis is also the Associate Dean of Continuing Medical Education at Queen's University. These diverse responsibilities reflect Lewis' past experience as Director of the KGH Microbiology Laboratory from 1988-1991 and his passion for educational methodology and organization. We have also been extraordinarily fortunate in being able to attract **Dr. Tim Karnauchow** who is to start as a Clinical Microbiologist on October 1. More on Tim next month.

Bruce Elliott has recently begun a sabbatical at the Institut Curie in Paris. Bruce will be working on the role of cytoskeletal proteins in HGF-induced cell survival growth and migration. Bruce is supported in his sabbatical leave by a sabbatical research award from the Curie Institut and from the MRC/INSERM.

Samuel Ludwin has just begun his first sabbatical to be focussed on work at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland with an internationally acclaimed group working on Multiple Sclerosis. Sam is currently Chairman of the Medical Advisory Board of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada and is the President-Elect of the International Society of Neuropathology.

David M. Robertson, a past Head of the Department, our most active Emeritus Professor and an internationally acclaimed neuropathologist will be occupying Sam's office during the next year and complementing John Rossiter in neuropathology.

Editorial
 from the Concise Oxford Dictionary, 7th
 Edition
 Edit v.t.

- prepare an edition of (another's work)
- set in order for publication
- to form a unified sequence
- to reword for a purpose

For any form of communication based on the written work, there is a dependance on quantity (i.e. the number of words), quality (the balance of correctly spelled mono-versus polysyllabic words), and their sequence (sentence structure and meaning). Contributions form the life blood of the Newsletter. It is your forum for sharing information, the excitement of discovery, recent happenings in the laboratory, new developments in cancer, accomplishments, current updates. There are few limits. You are encouraged to submit and may send notes, letters, articles, etc. for publications to Dr. David Dexter as either written (remember the pen as a writing instrument?), in Word Perfect, or on floppy disk, or via e-mail to <dfd@post.queensu.ca>.

Dr. P. Manley has asked me to take over the reigns of editorship - a task he has manfully discharged over the past five years. As a consequence of late hours, slaving over the type-setting equipment in the dungeons of Richardson Laboratory, he is now greyed, hunched, and his glasses several diopeters closer to the bottoms of the now rarely sighted Coca-Cola bottle.

Editorship does empower the incumbent to reword for a purpose. The August 16, 1999 National Post contained several excellent examples of dubious editing or the lack of it under the title of Bad Writing Awards. (*aside: if Conrad Black can be honoured by admission to the House of Lords, equivalency for your humble servant is anticipated*).

Excerpt:

"Through the gathering gloom of a late-October afternoon, along the greasy, cracked paving-stones slick from the sputum* of the sky, Stanley Ruddletrop wearily trudged up the hill from the cemetery where his wife, sister, brother, and three children were all buried, and forced open the door of his decaying house, blissfully unaware of the catastrophe that was soon to devastate his life."

* pathological specimen reference.

I will dutifully attempt to avoid such literary triumphs.

SOME IDEAS

We will continue to have several sections to the Newsletter. "From the Head" - will continue, it has to. I would like to see more regular submissions of happenings from the Residents and the Post-Graduate Sections. Dr. Haust, as already noted, will focus on the Pathology Alumni Section. Much is happening on the Regional and Political fronts which can be shared. Our past graduates are scattered widely across the globe, and updates and experiences can bring a rich focus on the changing face of Laboratory Medicine. It is also important to remember how we came to be. Those pioneers and early shapers of the department established many of the basics which are the principles and procedures we follow as second nature today. Many had contributions to Pathology well beyond the limestone walls of Queen's University.

This Newsletter is a window on our world and will, with your help, evolve, flower, and mature. Please contribute your comments, advice, literary efforts, articles, and updates. All are gratefully received.

LOOKBACK AT HISTORY: D. DEXTER, MD

THE FROZEN SECTION (1898 HODENPYL)

"When time permits, satisfactory results are secured by placing very small pieces of the fresh tissue for an hour in 5% solution of formalin; then, after washing out the formalin, making frozen sections in the

usual way. The sections are now dropped for a moment into a solution of egg albumen of the following composition:

Egg Albumen	10
Sodium Carbonate	1
Water	30

Add a lump of camphor to prevent decomposition. The sections are now spread on the slide, the excess of fluid being drained off, and are pressed against the glass with a bit of fine cheese cloth. They are finally fixed in place by a short immersion in strong alcohol. The section, now fast on the glass, is stained and mounted in situ. This procedure, which can be carried out in a little more than an hour, gives a fair chance for an early morphological diagnosis in solid tissues, though the minute structural details are often much altered."

The stain used fixation, followed by haematoxylin, decolourization in 1% acid alcohol, a water rinse, eosin counterstain, then clearance in either creosote or oil of cloves before mounting in Canada Balsam. A rather important observation was the reduction in the disintegration of the sections and the considerable shrinkage following alcohol fixation by spreading the sections on albumen coated slides and thus proceeding with the tissues actually in position on the glass! At that time, placing sections on the slides at the first opportunity was not always done.

**CANADA'S CONTRIBUTION TO
HISTOLOGY:
D. DEXTER, MD**

Canada balsam is a resin collected from the blisters in the bark of balsam fir trees - native to Canada. While it may darken with age, it does not draw back from the edge of the coverslip and thus is an ideal substance for use as a mounting medium. For those with biochemical obsessions for minutiae, xylene oxidizes Canada balsam to toluic and phthalic acids which may lead to stain fading.

Note: Administration, as part of its standard cost-cutting, is considering a foray into the local forests with scrapers and buckets in hand to collect enough to coverslip the surgical caseload for 1999-2000 as a Millennium project. Transportation will be provided by Shank's Pony (Inc). Food and drink may be obtained through foraging.

U pcoming Events

Monday October 11th: Thanksgiving Day

F or Your Information

Congratulations

To John and Maria DaCosta on their 25th wedding anniversary in September. John and Maria will be spending two weeks in Madeira.

Alice and Dr. David Robertson were two of the four people to receive the honour of the KGH Distinguished Services Award at the hospital's recent Annual General Meeting. This award is presented to members of the KGH family whose contributions of personal time and talents are judged as being most worthy of recognition. They received the award for their individual and collective service to KGH for the last 40 years.

Sabbatical and Academic Leave

Sabbatical and academic leave applications for all members of faculty (clinical and QUFA bargaining unit members) are due in the Vice-Dean's Office by **Friday, October 29th**. The Vice-Dean will review the departmental recommendations and make every effort to reach a decision and inform each applicant, in writing, by Monday, November 15th. Clinical members of faculty should follow the procedures outlined in the Senate Statement on Academic Leave. This document is available on the web at <http://www.queensu.ca/secretariat/senate/police>.

Members of the QUFA bargaining unit should refer to Article 27 of the Collective Agreement which is also available on the web at

<http://www.queensu.ca/qufa>. The leave application form is available in Dr. Manley's office.

Regional Laboratory Services Update Submitted by Dr. Sandip SenGupta

It has been nearly one year since representatives from ten hospitals in Southeastern Ontario, prepared a mandated report for the Health Services Restructuring Commission and the Ministry of Health, Laboratory Services Restructuring branch dealing with issues of consolidation of laboratory and pathology services within the region. Sadly there has been no response from the Ministry to this document; many of their own self-imposed deadlines for response to us passed uneventfully. With the failure of the Ministry's Request for Proposal initiatives for provision of laboratory services to Northern Ontario and to the Hamilton - Niagara region, it remains very unclear how much enthusiasm is left within the government for regional lab reform and what shape this might take.

Within Southeastern Ontario, however, there have been a few developments worthy of mention. The implications of the HSRC's directives on hospital consolidation and restructuring are beginning to be felt as there are now effectively only six separate hospital corporations in the region. For example, hospital sites in Picton, Belleville, Trenton and Bancroft are now under the banner of Quinte Healthcare Corporation.

In Belleville, Dr. Greg Twemlow was recently appointed as the Medical Director of Laboratory Medicine for Quinte Health Care. Combined with the appointment in August of Dr. Konrad Chan, one of our former General Pathology trainees, as an associate pathologist to fill a vacancy created by retirements of Drs. Cassidy and Birse a year earlier, Quinte Health is now ready to

take over all laboratory services at the Picton site, including laboratory directorship. This will likely occur in October 1999 and will end a mutually beneficial contractual relationship for laboratory services between Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital and Kingston General Hospital and Queen's Department of Pathology, since 1984. We expect Quinte to repatriate surgical pathology specimens, microbiology and some specialized chemistries.

In Brockville, laboratory services have been consolidated at one site and there is an active recruitment process underway to replace Dr. George Abdelnour, who has announced his retirement, effective the end of this year.

Our contract for provision of reference testing to the Central East 1 group (Oshawa - Peterborough region) has generated considerably more work for us than had been anticipated, based on projected volumes. While this has resulted in a few problems related to turnaround time of some tests, we have overall received favourable comments about our service and the interesting variety of case material has been welcomed here. The contract is only for one year however.

Consultation requests, largely in surgical pathology, from our colleagues around the region, including the Peterborough - Oshawa axis, have substantially increased over the past year, partly due to the effects of breast screening programs which have generated many types of specimens requiring extensive diagnostic assessment. Our role as consultants for the region will continue to grow as newer diagnostic and prognostic tests become accepted into the mainstream as standards of practice.

American Society for Investigative Pathology is sponsoring a course: **CONCEPTS IN MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, OCTOBER 7-10, 1999**. Information is available on the WWW <http://asip.uthscsa.edu/cmb99.html>. Tell your colleagues and students! Hotel reservation deadline is September 15, 1999. For information contact: Bernadette Englert, CMB Coordinator, ASIP <benglert@pathol.faseb.org>

Memo from Dr. T. G. Flynn, Research Development

A Committee has been established to review the use of Emergency Department patients for research. The Committee will be composed of: Dr. R. Brison, Director of Research, Department of Emergency Medicine; Ms. Bernie MacDonald, Director of Emergency & End Stage Renal Disease Care Services; Dr. T.G. Flynn, Vice President, Research Development, KGH and Acting Associate Dean, Faculty of Health Science; Dr. W. Paterson, Department of Medicine. The Terms of Reference are:

1. Regularly review the number of type of project that are being conducted in the ED to ensure that a "threshold" for the Department's ability to conduct research is not exceeded.
2. Work with potential researchers and their departments to ensure that an appropriate infrastructure is in place to accommodate requests for access to ED patients before these studies begin. This may include developing agreement on how these activities are to be supported financially.
3. Review the progress of research project to assist in planning of completion and start dates for project.

A more coordinated approach to planning research activities in this setting will result in better recruitment and hence more productive research projects. By working with other clinical departments to assess their research needs in the ED, it is hoped that we will be able to develop an improved infrastructure to support these activities.

T. Geoffrey Flynn, PhD, FRSC

Nominations For 2000 Honorary Degrees

The Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees is now inviting nominations for the award of Honorary Degrees at the 2000 Convocations. These nominations should be submitted to the Secretary of the University by **15 October 1999**. Nominations will be provided to faculty representatives and other committee members at

least seven days before the meeting. In cases where several nominations are appropriate for a particular Faculty, the committee would welcome information on Faculty priorities and preferences. A completed nomination form is essential for the information of the Committee and for Senate. The Senate Committee places particular emphasis on the section on reasons for awarding the degree. Nominators may vary the length of the sections, but must limit the content to two pages plus up to 15 pages of supporting material including cv's, letters of support, etc. Copies of the nomination form are available at the University Secretariat or on the web at <http://www.queensu.ca/secretariat>.

Postgraduate Education

1st Ontario Pathology Postgraduate Meeting

The Queen's Pathology Department hosted the 1st Ontario Pathology Postgraduate (PG) Meeting on the August 28-29 weekend. This inaugural meeting, conceived by the pathology department heads of the Ontario schools, was designed to provide a forum where Ontario pathology trainees (residents and fellows) and their mentors could informally meet, exchange experiences (both good and bad), and discuss a variety of issues relevant to laboratory medicine PG training in Ontario. Through the various school's program directors, pathology residents from across the province were invited to Kingston with accommodation and meal costs covered by their individual programs. Approximately 18 residents attended with excellent representation from trainees in Toronto and Western. The educational program included presentations on a) exciting aspects of pathology education at Queen's (digital presentation and pathology high school enrichment course; plastination; CD and web-based teaching), b) laboratory career and management issues (physician/scientist career in pathology; regional lab practice; pathologists' assistant), c) case studies in lab medicine ethics and group organization, d) molecular pathology at Queen's, and e) neuropathology. In addition to informal discussion and fellowship at refreshment breaks and a pre and post-meeting lunch each day, a banquet on Saturday evening at Fort Henry

(lower fort) complete with pre-dinner tour and period animation by the fort guard staff was the highlight of the social component of the meeting. The Kingston Blues Festival (compliments of The City of Kingston) offered a further venue for resident fellowship that was obviously accessed by some participants, judging by the somewhat light attendance on the Sunday morning educational session.

Congratulations to the department and the various individual faculty for their participation in the meeting. Although few program directors attended, those present at an informal meeting I chaired expressed a strong commitment to make this an annual gathering (? Toronto next year). PG trainees from other centres were overall, I think, very impressed with what they saw and heard about pathology at Queen's. Although the primary goal was to have a forum for resident discussion on pathology training in Ontario, the opportunity to promote pathology at Queen's was also embraced. The usual enthusiasm and interest displayed by presenting Queen's faculty and PG trainees and the collegial atmosphere of the department were important ingredients to the meeting success.

Special thanks to Kevin Kell for technical support on the weekend above and beyond the call of duty and to the Queen's maintenance man (? name) who efficiently diagnosed and enabled the timely repair of the air-conditioning problem in Richardson Amphitheatre on the Saturday.

David Hurlbut

Positions Available

The Hospital for Sick Children Research Institute, Toronto, Ontario

A research technologist is needed in a molecular genetics laboratory for a project on the genetics of autoimmune disease. This is a one-year contract position, with the possibility of renewal

depending upon performance. Applicants must have either a B.Sc. degree with coursework in math, chemistry, genetics, biochemistry, and molecular biology, or a medical research technology diploma. Research experience in molecular biology, genetics, biochemistry or cell biology is desirable. Demonstrated organizational and communication skills, computer proficiency (databases, www, graphics), as well as self-motivation and commitment are required.

The successful applicant will be involved in the genetic mapping of disease genes. Duties will include DNA extraction, molecular genotyping, gel electrophoresis, database management. High quality documentation of experiments, reagents and results are required. Once proficiency is obtained in these areas, there will be opportunities to work in tissue culture and immunohistochemistry.

Resumes detailing academic and research experience, as well as the names, positions, telephone, fax and Email addresses of three references may be sent by either by fax (416-813-8823) or by Email <strobach@sickkids.on.ca>. Telephone inquiries and unscheduled visits will not be received. Only those applicants who are competitive for the position will be contacted by telephone. Application deadline: **October 1, 1999.**

Infection Control

Infection Control is pleased to welcome **Jim Gauthier** to KGH. Jim is a Medical Laboratory Technologist from Nelson, B.C., with experience in Microbiology and certification in Infection Control. Jim's initial area of responsibility will be continuing to develop and implement the ventilation-associated pneumonia program in the ICU. One of Jim's strengths is teaching which will enhance our established education component. Jim's office is located on Douglas 3, and he can be reached at ext. K-4457 or pager 322.

A poster presentation by Infection Control Practitioner **Shirley McDonald** co-authored by Infection Control Practitioner **Jane Burden** and Dr. **Dick Zoutman** took top honours recently at a Community and Hospital

Infection Control Association of Canada
Conference in Moncton, New Brunswick.

Grants and Such

Grants have grown to such a huge page of the newsletter that we have split them off into a **separate supplement** to the newsletter. All researchers & faculty will receive the supplement as well as any one else who wants it. Otherwise the rest of the subscribers get everything but.

There are 8 pages for September.

Grants Received from MRC

Scott Davey - Cancer Research Labs - "Cellular Responses to DNA Damage.

Bruce Elliott - Cancer Research Labs - Role of HGF/Scatter Factor and Cell Adhesion in Metastasis of Lung Cancer.

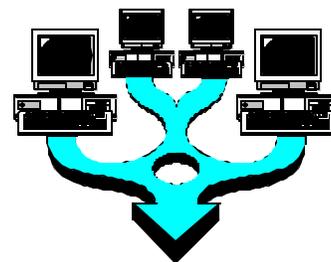
Richardson Research Seminars

Tuesdays at 4:00 pm in Richardson
Amphitheatre

Sept. 21	Dr. W. Sheffield, McMaster Univ.
Sept. 28	Dr. B. Campling, Cancer Research Labs, Queen's Univ.
October 5	Mr. Mian Gao, Grad. Student
October 12	Ms Carla Cuthbert, Grad. Student
October 19	Mr. Bob St. Onge, Grad. Student
October 26	Dr. N. Grammatikakis, Thomas Jefferson University
Nov. 5 **	Dr. A. Pawson, Univ. of Toronto
Nov. 9	Dr. D. Van Vugt, Dept. Obstet. & Gynecology, Queen's Univ.
Nov. 16	Mr. Brian Brown, Grad. Student; Ms Annie Killoran, Grad. Student
Nov. 23	Dr. K. Aronson, Dept. Community Health & Epidem., Queen's Univ.
Nov. 30	Mr. Chris Davidson, Grad. Student
Dec. 7	Mr. Yotis Senis, Grad. Student
Dec. 14	Dr. Joyce Slingerland, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Ctr., Toronto

** Please note this is a Friday seminar

Network News



Workstation Software Upgrades:

Dr. Solomon antivirus scanner is up to v7.98 and is also upgraded whenever I come around.

If you are looking for this or any other software in use in the department, it is now fairly permanently located on the machine CDSERVER1, in the directory software, or in other terms:

\\cdserver1\software

You can find it by going from your desktop to network neighbourhood to CDSERVER1 to software.

Packman for Windows NT is now available. Packman is a Queen's Software Distribution program that is highly automated. We'll be using it to update anti virus software on a regular basis as well as a few other programs.

Trivia:

© There were approximately 14,380 pieces of email in and out of the Department during the month of August 1999.

Hardware Upgrades at home:

Thinking of upgrading your RAM at home? Wait.

In the last 6 weeks, memory prices have tripled, from a low of \$60 for 64 Mb to today's price of \$175. This peak is due to thousands of students (millions?) Going to school and buying new systems. The price should dip in October/November and rise again just before Christmas.

Article Submissions

SUBMISSION DATE: Pathology News will be mailed to all faculty, housestaff, graduate students, and anyone who requests it on the Friday following the first Monday of the month. The next deadline date for submission will be **Monday, October 4th, 1999.**

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

Alumni Corner

A note from Nav Gill, past resident:

Dear Dr Manley

Kiran and I are fine. Every weekend we explore Philadelphia. Kiran has been interviewed for 3 jobs, and sometime in the next 2 weeks, we will know where she is to be working. Working at U Penn is great. I am seeing a lot of consults, usual cases and unusual cases. I am involved in 3 research projects. One is 1/4 done and the others are 1/10 done. I am also teaching the Clinical GI fellows, residents and medical students 1 hour per week GI Path. The GI conference is a lot of fun. Beth is an excellent teacher. We take 1 topic every 2 weeks and I study that area, then we sit around a case which brings up most of the teaching points and then we discuss everything she knows about it and I have read about it. We have covered IIBD, liver transplantation, adenomatous polyps and Barrett's. I want to tell you once again, thank you for giving me the opportunity to be at U Penn by teaching me before I showed up here and providing me with a reference letter. I hope we stay in touch. Respectfully Nav

Congratulations to **Su Nag** who has finished hiking the entire Appalachian Trail. This 2,160.2 mile scenic footpath extends over the Appalachian Mountain ridge lines between Springer Mountain in Georgia and Mount Katahdin in Maine. Some of the scenic highlights along the trail are the 100-mile wilderness in Maine, the Presidential Range in New Hampshire, the Green Mountains in Vermont, Shenandoah National Park, Mount Rogers area and Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Su hiked the trail in sections over a period of 9 years.

**The Robert Hall More Library Dedication
May 25, 1999**

The Robert Hall More Library was formally dedicated in Richardson Amphitheatre on May 25, 1999. It was a wonderful warm and intimate ceremony attended by Bob's wife Dorothy and his children David and Patricia. The highlights were the addresses of past Faculty members and Dr. More's response. Junior Faculty who joined us in the last few years were impressed by the richness of our professional and personal relationships and the celebration of their continued influence on all of us.

Thankfully Daria Haust upon her arrival in early August convinced all the participants to submit their spoken thoughts for this Newsletter.

Comments by Dr. G.F. Kipkie

I first met R.H. More when I went to McGill in 1946. He had finished postgraduate work there and was off to Cornell for more training. In the short time I knew him then, it was clear he had ideas about how Pathology should be taught and departments should run.

The next meeting was when he came to Queen's in 1951 as Head of the Department. Here he continued and expanded the work begun by Dr. J.O. Hamilton. Research and residency programs were expanded, space was obtained and before long Queen's was one of the best places in North America where one could receive training



in academic and clinical pathology. In early 1967 he left Queen's to become the Strathcona Professor of Pathology at McGill where he continued the same type of changes he had made at Queen's.

His work was recognized locally and internationally as he held the office of the President of the US-Canadian Division of the International Academy of Pathology.

While still at McGill he bought a farm north of Cornwall, Ontario where he became a gentleman farmer--more gentleman than farmer.

In all his endeavours he was ably assisted by his wife Dorothy.

The More's returned to Kingston in 1987 where their son David lives and Bob spends a great deal of time coping with Dorothy's illness.

He deserves the recognition we are celebrating today and it is a pleasure to be here as the Library of the Department of Pathology is named in his honour.

Comments by Dr. Howard Steele

I first saw Bob More in July 1951 when I returned from doing a fellowship in pathology at Western Reserve University in Cleveland. He was with Sergio Bencosme, and for a moment I thought that I saw Tom Dewey talking to Groucho Marx. Over the next two years I completed my training in Pathology, qualified and took off for other parts.

In 1957 while I was at the University of Saskatchewan, Bob offered me the chance to return to Kingston and join his department. This I did with great pleasure, and I was delighted to have the opportunity to work with him.

There were many features about Bob that I found attractive, from his leadership and vision to his development of people and the sharing of responsibility with them. I think that most important to me was his open mind and tolerance of diverse opinions. Bob loved to discuss ideas -- medical, political, whatever, and in the process made people think and widen their views.

As Head of the Department, he always sat in the middle of the front row at autopsy conference, and tried to expand it from just an exercise in clinical correlations and cause of death, to an exploration of related mechanisms of disease in the case or in general. Sometimes it pushed us to the limit in tolerance, but he was really pushing our brains as a good teacher should.

In his 15 years here, he established the firm base of an excellent academic department, well ahead of most others in the medical school. He inspired and developed loyalty in his trainees and staff, as is evident here today.

Comments by Dr. M. Daria Haust

Both Dr. Kipkie and Dr. Steele, who preceded me with their addresses, spoke about the circumstances under which they first met Dr. More and the subsequent association with him. Were I to follow this pattern it would be necessary to become too personal in involving the history of our family. Obviously, we are not here to listen to this while honouring Dr. More! Instead, I thought that it may be of interest to tell you a little about the "precursor" of the present-day modern Departmental Library, a library that for us, in the early sixties, was also new and thus modern.

That library was housed on the top floor of the newly considerably enlarged, redesigned and renovated Richardson Laboratory under the then Chairman, Dr. More. It was a beautiful spacious room with warm atmosphere created by deep red-wine-colored interior decoration, and bookshelves and furniture of soft dark wood. It may be said that our Library of those days was the centre and the soul of our Department. It was not only the place where our Conferences (Completed Case Histories, Seminars, Surgical Pathology Quiz-Slides) and Oral Defenses of Theses by Graduate Candidates took place, but also most of the Departmental informal encounters and celebrations.

Parenthetically, speaking about Conferences I shall share with you a secret deeply held by all of us who trained in our Department in those years and was “inherited” by residents who followed. Just as once a year a slide was made of a fly or a piece of a sausage to “trap” Dr. Kipkie, our Director of Clinical Laboratories in the course of the weekly Surgical Pathology Quiz, so was a caruncle prepared for Dr. More’s “downfall”. Whereas Dr. Kipkie often recognized the fly or the sausage (by the presence of striated muscle), in all those years, Dr. More never made the diagnosis of a caruncle. One may wonder in hindsight whether in fact he was unable to arrive at the correct diagnosis, or not wishing to spoil our fun, only pretended not knowing the correct answer.

Let us return now to our Library. During morning and afternoon coffee breaks most of the members chatted about personal matters or exchanged professional information (solving thus problems that otherwise may have required a special meeting and time). And we celebrated birthdays and promotions, but particularly (loud and long) the Christmas. Our parties at that time of the year had a special flair. I remember my last Christmas party in the Department with a double dose of emotion; it was 1966 and I knew that I shall be leaving. Moreover, this was also the last year of Dr. More’s Chairmanship. He had undergone surgery prior to Christmas but would not have missed our party under any circumstances. Thus, shortly after the “event” began in came Mrs. Dorothy More with Dr. More in the wheelchair (in pyjamas and dressing gown) to join the party. We all knew that a certain special era in our lives was drawing to an end, but were secure in the knowledge that the new chapter in the life of the Department that was on a solid foundation will be as glorious or even better than that celebrated on this night in our Library.

Comments by Dr. David M. Robertson

I first met Dr. More shortly after his arrival in Kingston, when I was a medical student. At that time, the Pathology course was a very long and intensive series of lectures and laboratories designed to give us a broad basis in the understanding of the nature of disease, which Bob was able to do with great success. To some, his lectures seemed occasionally somewhat obscure; at a time when most of the professors were given nicknames by the students, he became “Yogi More”, a name fondly remembered by a generation of students.

A few years later, I decided to study surgical pathology for a year as part of training for Orthopedics. To my surprise and delight, the department was really a great place to work. There were several new staff, conferences were excellent, there was much research in progress, and the learning environment was truly stimulating. At the time, ultrastructure had just been introduced into pathology, and Bob was able to set up one of the first units in Canada. The need for subspecialty expertise was recognized and staff and residents were either recruited or sent away for training in specific areas to match developments in the clinical departments. I became convinced that pathology would be a great career, and when Bob offered me a chance to travel to study neuropathology with reasonably generous financial support, I was pleased to do so.

During Bob's time at Queen's, the department was a stimulating and rewarding place to work. The atmosphere he created was one of good interpersonal relations, free exchange of ideas, and dedication to a high standard of both diagnostic and research activities using the best techniques and equipment available. The department became the best in Canada, and one of the best in North America. We all owe Bob a great debt of gratitude for his inspired leadership during his time here.

Comments by Dr. William E.N. Corbett

This is indeed a very happy occasion - the dedication of the Department of Pathology Library to Robert More. I feel very honoured to have been invited to participate.

I want to share with you some of my recollections of happenings which illuminate for me some of his qualities as a fine department head and which, also, underscore how fitting it is that this departmental library, which in Dr. More's era was a central gathering place and the heart of a very active academic department, should permanently bear his name.

Robert Hall More - what an elegant name, befitting an elegant man and a very elegant thinker! As others have noted, he expected all of us, whether student, resident, or staff member, to think further, and from varied perspectives about the manifestations of disease processes and their implications. Some found his lectures "difficult" - his chain of thought was seldom strictly linear - but many of us were entranced and stimulated by his multidimensional approach. He has always been a "3-D" thinker in a profession which is so often limited by its linear "2-D" habits of thought.

During his tenure as Head of this department, Pathology had an important impact on medical students who, very early on, came to recognize that Pathology is a vital component of medical practice and is also an important contributor to the advance of medical science. Dr. More was notably successful in this. I will never forget my first Pathology class which occurred at the start of the fourth year of the then six year medical curriculum. Imagine, if you will, sixty-four motley medical students arrayed in descending tiers of seats in the original Richardson amphitheatre, peering intently downwards at the Head of Pathology who centred a line of professorial staff and residents which stretched across the dias, all appearing immaculate in their pristine white lab coats. Dr. More introduced each member to the students, indicating briefly each person's role in the department's pathology services and the topics which they would teach in the pathology course. What better way to impress upon medical students the multiple roles of Pathology in clinical practice and to outline the extensive scope and challenging topics in the course which they are about to undertake. Unfortunately, recent revisions of the undergraduate curriculum seriously dilute and obscure students' impressions of the importance of Pathology. In my opinion, it is a regrettable loss for students, for our specialty, and ultimately for the practice of medicine.

One of my cherished memories from the Robert More era is the gracious hospitality of Bob and his wife Dorothy. Particularly I remember the summer barbecues which they hosted at their charming log house on Collins Bay. The hamburgers were abundant and juicy, the beer flowed freely, and the conversation was sparkling, far reaching and only occasionally verged onto medical subjects. Similar hospitality was offered by all staff members and it created lasting camaraderie at all levels of the department.

Dr. More is a very social gentleman and has always been a gifted networker in the area of academic pathology. He seemed to know most of the "greats" of North American and international pathology and many of

them were invited to the medical school and this department. He provided residents with the opportunity to present papers at provincial, national and international meetings and on these occasions he made a special effort to introduce his residents and staff members to leaders of the profession. What a thrill for residents and young staff members and what valuable professional relationships evolved from these social encounters! He was a true mentor for residents and young staff members and he led us to feel that we were integral members of a great profession - a gift of immeasurable value.

Dr. More's appointment as Head of the department in 1951 ushered in a renaissance in Pathology at Queen's University - truly a golden era. Through his devotion to excellence in research, his determination that the department embrace technical and scientific advances, and his enthusiastic promotion of resident training, he established Queen's Department of Pathology, within a very few years, as one of the most respected academic pathology departments in North America. He enjoyed the collaboration of a very small but talented coterie of staff members, among whom his Director of Clinical Laboratories at Kingston General Hospital, Dr. G. F. Kipkie, was a superb surgical pathologist and teacher of residents, contributing in a major way to the success of the fledgling department.

All who had the wonderful good fortune to train in Dr. More's department or were privileged to serve as one of his staff members, as well as those who have been associated with the department in the years following his departure in 1967, owe him a debt of gratitude.

"Dr. More, we celebrate your success as a Head of this department and we applaud the dedication of this library as a permanent tribute to your accomplishments from which we have all greatly benefitted."

Comments by Dr. Nathan Kaufman

I have known Bob More for many, many years; probably long before anyone here. I first met Bob when I was a medical student at McGill doing a summer externship (now known as a clerkship) at the Pathology Institute. I was there for a short while before this fellow in pathology--a recent graduate and trainee from the University of Toronto arrived on the scene. By then I was a veteran and he was a novice. I knew my way around--he didn't. I knew the departmental idiosyncrasies--he didn't. I knew how things were done--he didn't. He knew a lot of pathology; I thought I did--but I didn't.

Several years later, after the war, when we were both well established in our careers, he in Canada and I at Western Reserve University and City Hospital in Cleveland, our paths crossed again--this time as colleagues--and this is when our friendship began.

Over the years our common interests brought us together at pathology meetings and organizations, particularly that of the International Academy of Pathology. I sat across from him at many of our Council and Executive Committee meetings--he as an elected councillor and later President and I as Associate Editor of Laboratory Investigation. I can tell you that except for a few gray hairs he looked and sounded as he does today. There he was: imaginative, analytic, persuasive and inventive. I imagine he was also the same on his home turf. Later I followed him as President.

I knew from him his interest and success in developing a modern department of pathology with strengths in teaching, research and service. For this he needed the outstanding and somewhat unique individuals he had recruited and whose subspecialty training he had encouraged and sponsored.

When he accepted the appointment as chairman of the Department of Pathology at McGill and I was asked to succeed him at Queen's he was most encouraging and urged me to look at the situation favourably. He was forthright and honest in his comments. As a result I saw this as an opportunity, in the new Canadian environment for expansion and support for health services and secondary education to build on the strengths of the department. I would rely on the help and support of the people there--Bud Kipkie, Howie Steele, Bill Corbett, Dave Robertson and Sergio Bencosme--all working together in the finest spirit of collegiality I had ever seen. However I was taken aback when Bob told me that the two people I had known so well over the years and who had done so much for the department had already made other commitments: Daria Haust to the University of Western Ontario and Shaonan Huang to McGill.

To wind up, I want to say this to you Bob: for your encouragement to succeed you in this department and the strength of the organization I inherited, I want to thank you.

Comments by Dr. R. More

Paul, I do want to make a few remarks. First, I wish to say thanks to all. This is the most meaningful honour I have received and I know the family will cherish it. After all they were the first to help me. The second line of help came from the group that made such flattering remarks; my difficulties of hearing may have excluded the other truths. Without them nothing would have moved forward at that time. I must add the name of Sergio Bencosme who at the time vindicated the value of the application of the classical techniques to research and was the first to introduce electron microscopy in Canadian departments of pathology.

To me the most important single factor was the cooperation best illustrated by Bud "housed" over in the basement of the new Children's Wing (the Pathologist of the hospital administration, Mr. Armstrong) and myself over in the Richardson Laboratory (where all the male and female staff i.e., the secretaries, technicians and pathologists at that time used one small washroom and toilet). Principal Mackintosh and I both had enough experience to know that we wouldn't move forward very much in that situation. Time was with us and Bud wanted to add new professional staff and appropriate new techniques to the hospital side of the department. Anyone who has bargained with Bud knows he is a tough bargainer. And so Mr. Armstrong listened. At the other end I had some help from Dean Ettinger who had been secretary of the Canadian Medical Research Council for a number of years. Unfortunately I had to influence Principal Mackintosh. I believe that showing him that my secretary and I as well as all the other men and women used this small washroom (which sometimes people forgot to lock) convinced him that something had to be done. Then we had to get down to the money manager and anyone who knew John Deutsch and Mr. Armstrong will know that they were going to give nothing away and they were not much interested in mixing up the University and Hospital. However, step by step we succeeded in convincing them to add a floor to Douglas Wing and two floors to Richardson and establish free communication between all personnel whether they be the Hospital or University staff. Without this cooperation between Bud and me it would have taken a long time for Kingston to change. That cooperation seemed to last and extend to each appointment as the years went by.

What is a very important point is that the wives of the faculty members of the Department were extremely happy with each other's company. From the beginning Mac and Dorothy had a great attachment to the women and invited them and their husbands to their homes for at least a Christmas party. That was easy and fun for a few years when the department was small but as it grew it became an annual event in some suitable other place.

So, the reality is that in giving me the honour of naming the library in my name it is entirely due to those who spoke tonight. I very much welcomed Nate's comments, because by the time I left, Nate had lived in America for many years; there it was traditional for the new chairmen to report what a mess the former chairman had left behind.