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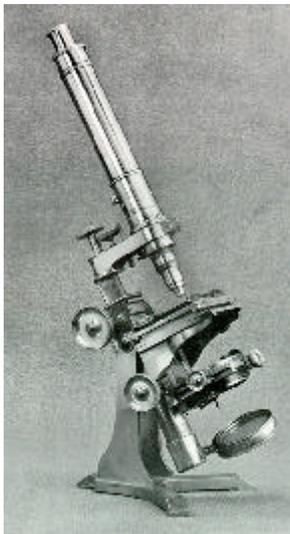
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For Your Information

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Dr. David Lebrun has moved his office from Rich 201E to Rich 201G. His phone number remains the same at 533-2345.

Dr. Lois Mulligan now has an office in Rich 201E. Her new phone number is 533-6342

2000 Statutory Holidays for Queen's:

April 21 (Friday)
May 22 (Monday)
July 3 (Monday)
Aug 7 (Monday)
Sept 4 (Monday)
Oct 9 (Monday)
Dec 25 (Monday)
Dec 26 (Tuesday)

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Congratulations

Congratulations to **Dr. Karen Harrison** on her reappointment for a further three year term.

Congratulations also go to **Drs. Sally Ford, David Dexter, Sandip SenGupta, Lois Shepherd and Dick Zoutman** who have been awarded tenure.

Service Awards

Kevin Kell - 10 years (ewww! 120 months! 520 weeks! 3650 days! 25,550 hours! 1,533,000 minutes!)

There is now a link to the **Queen's Security Incident** Web Page, located in our Internal Users Section.

All members of the Queen's community are advised to keep doors locked when not in their office or rooms. Please do not leave personal items unattended, even for a brief time. There were 206 reported incidents of thefts under \$5000 (not involving Queen's property) in 1998, and 276 reported in 1999. Read the "July 6, 1999" Alerts posting for some precautions you should take to protect your belongings.

REMINDER RE VIA RAIL SAVINGS

Don't forget that it is now more convenient than ever for Queen's staff and faculty to earn big savings on VIA Rail fares, thanks to an arrangement between Queen's University, VIA Rail and In Kind Canada. Staff and faculty are eligible for 30 per cent off regular train fares and 10 per cent off VIA 1 fares for all travel - personal as well as business. All you have to do is show your Queen's University staff card when you purchase your tickets. Student ID will continue to yield a 40 per cent discount.

From Marg McIlroy

Employment Equity Workshops

The office of the University Advisor on Equity will be holding Employment Equity workshops in April. During the last sessions, you may of registered but were unable to attend or expressed an interest in the

workshops. The following are the dates of the upcoming works

April 10, 2000, Monday 9:00 - noon

John Orr Room - JDUC

General Training and Familiarization Workshop

April 11, 2000, Tuesday 9:00 - noon

John Orr Room - JDUC

General Training and Familiarization Workshop with Focus on Promotion and Tenure Committees

April 12, 2000, Wednesday Evening 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Robert Sutherland Room - JDUC

General Training and Familiarization Workshop

April 18, 2000, Tuesday 9:00 - noon

John Orr Room - JDUC

EE Workshop for Employment Equity Representatives

April 28, 2000, Friday 9:00 - noon

John Orr Room - JDUC

General Training and Familiarization Workshop with Focus on Promotion and Tenure Committees

April 29, 2000, Saturday 9:00 - noon

John Orr Room - JDUC

EE Workshop for Employment Equity Representatives

Persons wishing to register, please e-mail to flecker@post.queensu.ca or dd24@post.queensu.ca.

Thank you

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Jobs Available

McGill University

The Department of Pathology, McGill University & McGill University Health Centre (MUHC) invites applications for a full time staff position in Anatomical Pathology. The position is open to new graduates and experienced pathologists. The successful candidate will participate in general diagnostic work and the teaching of medical students and residents.

Established expertise or willingness to develop expertise in one or more specialty areas (e.g. breast, cardiovascular, soft tissue/bone and head and neck pathology) is desired. Opportunity for collaborative or independent research is available. Candidates should be certified in Anatomic Pathology by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and/or the College des Medecins du Quebec. Please send letter of application, recent curriculum vitae and names and coordinates of at least 3 referees by **March 31, 2000** to: Dr. R.S. Fraser, Professor and Acting Chair, Department of Pathology, McGill University, Duff Medical Building, 3775 University Street, Room B15, Montreal, QC H3A 2B4. E-mail: rfrase4@po-box.mcgill.ca

MetroWest Medical Center

They are looking for a good histotechnologist in Framingham, MA, 16 miles west of downtown Boston. Are you interested? Hospital website is: <http://www.mwmc.com/>. They get 17,000 surgical cases per yr between the 2 hospital. Greatcases. Phenomenal location. Kind chief.

Jobs Wanted

Summer Employment Wanted

Amy Neumann is a first year student at the University of Toronto at Mississauga looking for summer

employment. She has applied to the Forensics program there with a second major of Biology or Chemistry. She has had two years of experience working at a Veterinary Hospital. If you are looking for a summer student and would like a copy of her CV please see Barb in Dr. Manley's office.

Alumni Corner

PAST FACULTY AND GRADUATES

Dr. Sukriti Nag has been reappointed to the position of University Head, Subdivision of Neuropathology, Division of Pathology, Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto. She will complete her second five year term as Head on February 1st, 2003.

One might well take umbrage at the consideration of Neuropathology as a subdivision, but then Toronto is a big city and hospital planning is not so far removed from urban planning from an administrator's perspective.

Congratulations Sukriti!

Dr. Dexter's Corner

CARMS MATCH

We have received and interviewed excellent candidates for the Pathology Residency Programme. The number of pathology slots across the country remain depressingly low. Queen's has two positions open and we anticipate success on Match Day (March 15th, 2000).

Each of the candidates is invited to spend a day with us meeting staff members, reviewing facilities and opportunities in our programme. A vital part of that visit is the opportunity to meet with current residents in the programme - all supported by a free off-site luncheon.

We may be able to further improve our package of information with pamphlets and Net based pages about Kingston and the surrounding areas, and about Queen's University-based activities, clubs, organizations, and opportunities. All these should help provide, in a better way, the Virtual Milieu of Pathology Training and life in Kingston for potential candidates.

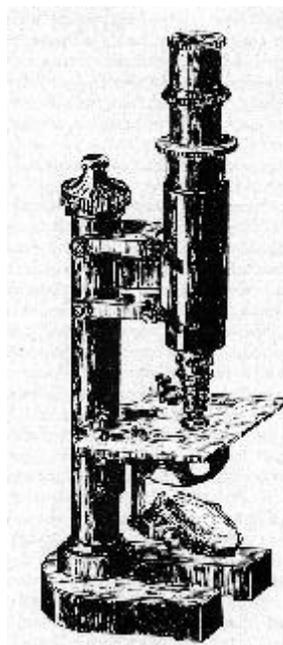
The time, effort, and enthusiasm of all those members of the department who participated in meeting each of the candidates is recognized as the key to our success in attracting top quality residents to the programme.

THE HISTORY OF THE SLIDE TRAYS

Sitting in my office surrounded on all sides by towering skyscrapers of slide trays, each loaded with an astonishing array of glassware, I was overcome by a sense of inertia. For a moment the desire to lead the department in the turnaround time sweepstakes was forgotten. Tentatively I shuffled one formidable heap achieving a stability factor of 10 (on the 100 point Wobble scale).

As I glanced at one of the dusty folders I realized this case was not intended for me at all. Inscribed in bold letters was the name "Michele Weir." Definitely not my case. The next tray was labelled M. Rutherford - not mine. The following was K. Dopson, not mine either, but Dopson has not been here for years and that case should have been signed out - even if it were an autopsy case. As I leafed through the pile, more names from the past popped up, both recent and old (Kossev, Fabris, Prentice, Corbett, McElligott, Moussa, Weiner). Faces, memories of cases, of pearls and experiences all came tumbling back.

Once in a while, it is of value to reflect on history, on colleagues, and on cases. How many people have handled those slide trays, sweated over difficult cases, triumphed over diagnostic adversity? How many



thousands of slides were carefully stained and presented for diagnosis, analysis, and then filed - their 15 minutes of glory - all packaged in those slightly dog-eared slide trays?

Then, alas, realization dawns. I cannot pass these trays onto their rightful owners - the ghosts of pathology past. It is not the trays that interest anyone anymore. It is the content. Those shiny glass slides are all mine!

I reach for the on switch on the microscope. My day has been formed for me.

G rants 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 13 pages for March

Here are a few locally related items:

The M. Daria Haust Trust Fund Application: Opportunities for Special Travel

Applications are once again invited for the above mentioned fund. The Terms of Reference are to provide educational leaves for faculty members with primary

appointments for continuing education and research. The Committee of Bob Kisilevsky, Dave Lillicrap and Susan Cole will focus on those leaves which will enable faculty to significantly increase their expertise in a particular area or to learn a special technique. These funds will be seen as supplementary to existing travel and research funds and can only be expended by the individual faculty member.

The application should consist of a one page letter defining the purpose of the trip, the value to the individual faculty member and to the department and a detailed estimate of the expenses. Applications may be made now for the academic year 2000-2001 and should be submitted to my office by **March 31st**.

We are restricting the total payment from the Fund to \$6,500 for this year and expect that this will increase to \$10,000 in subsequent years. The maximum grant this year will be \$4,000.

From P.N. Manley, MD

2001 CSCI/RCPSC Henry Friesen Award

You are invited to submit nominations for the 2001 CSCI/RCPSC Henry Friesen Award. The award was established in 1994 to recognize an individual's contribution to biomedical or related research.

If you have any suggestions for this award, please let Dr. G. Flynn, Associate Dean, Research, know as soon as possible or e-mail his secretary at adrianna@meds.queensu.ca. Nominations should include letters from two sponsors, the nominee's full curriculum vitae and two of the nominee's best publications, and must be received by **May 15, 2000**.

Teaching Award Nominations

Faculty are urged to consider nominating colleagues - especially those who have won international awards for excellent teaching for one of the following awards.

The Instructional Development Centre is will to give help and advice on preparing the nominations.

3M Teaching Fellowships

Ten fellowships are awarded each year in a program sponsored jointly by 3M Canada and the Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education. There are two principal criteria: the first is excellence in teaching and the second involves commitment to the improvement of university teaching within the home institution or beyond. Each submission must be accompanied by a letter of support from the Principal. Deadline: **May 1**.

CASE Canadian Professor the Year Award

This award is made by the American Organization, the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education. Nominations require a brief resume of the candidate, a personal statement from the candidate about their approach to teaching, and up to 6 short supporting letters of reference. Deadline: **May 5**.

The IDC is prepared to help in the preparation of any of the above nominations. However, since it takes time to prepare a successful nomination, please contact them as soon as possible at extension 36428.

Graduate News

Basic & Clinical Science Research Trainees Day. Wednesday, May 1, 2000. You are encouraged to participate. Deadlines for submissions should be announced within the next few weeks.

Medical Research Council Postdoctoral Fellowship Competition Deadline: **April 1, 2000**

Richardson Research Seminars

Tuesdays at 4:00 pm in Richardson Amphitheatre

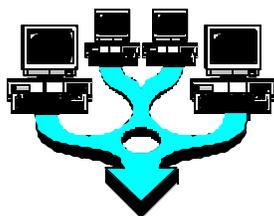
March 14 - Dr. John Koland, University of Iowa

March 21 - Dr. Kathy High, University of Pennsylvania

March 28 - Adina Vultur, Grad Student

Network News

Changes to the Web site in the last month:



From the main page, there is now weather satellite photos (click on the Ontario Map or the link Canada), weather forecasts for the area, and more. CLEO newsletters are now online, as well as more Phase II lectures (in presentation format).

Richlab1:

No crashes in the last 8 weeks at all!
We are currently using about 6 Gb out of 10 Gb available (that's 6000 Mb).

Richlab2:

Newly upgraded and still stable!

CDServer1:

Rocksteady and up for over 85 days

Web Server:

Rocksteady and up over 85 days

Network Capable Conference Rooms

Conference Room Rich102 and Rich107 now have their network wall jacks hooked up and connected. Please note that these require 8pin-8pin straight through cables (which is different than the rest of the building). The wall jacks are not located in the best of places to allow connection to the computer cart and projector. Normally the cart is at the back of the

room, however it may be able to be placed nearer the front and the zoom lens used to compensate for the smaller image, while at the same time getting into cable range of the network connection (basically the same problem as in the Amphitheatre, the network connection is on the other side of the room from the projector hookups).
&&^@#\$\$^ Architects!



Pegasus Mail was upgraded on Sunday Feb 27th from v3.12b to v3.12c

WinPMail v3.12c is a bug fix release - but it has a *lot* of bug fixes. This

version represents the end of the line for the v3.x family of Pegasus Mail for Windows products - the next release will be v4.0, which will be a major redevelopment of the program. As a result, we wanted v3.12c to be the best, most reliable and stable version of Pegasus Mail we had produced to date, so we pretty much cleared all the outstanding issues we could think of. We can count over fifty changes or fixes in v3.12c: the vast majority of them are very minor, and most users have probably run into none of them, but they are there. The most important changes are:

- * A complete, working French implementation is available.
- * Problems printing to network printers and printers where the name contains a space have been fixed.
- * Most windows can now be closed using <Esc>
- * Sites using the Win32 version only can now use long directory and usernames
- * Some scrollbar problems when opening and closing folder trays have been fixed
- * Problems with uuencoded data from Exchange servers containing invalid filenames (i.e, filenames containing spaces, which are not permitted in uuencoded data) have now been fixed.
- * Address autocompletion no longer interferes with pasting addresses from other sources.
- * ... and numerous other fixes and amendments.

Data Projector & Microscope Cart:

There is now a desktop computer system firmly attached to the microscope cart and data projector.

It is equipped with a floppy disk, a zip disk, MS Office 97, Corel Office 7, and netscape.

These three items are booked as a single unit in the MS Outlook Calendar (and remember that the room is a separate booking!).

This should ease up the heavy use of the laptop and should also be more stable than the laptop (especially as of late).

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, April 3rd, 2000*

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