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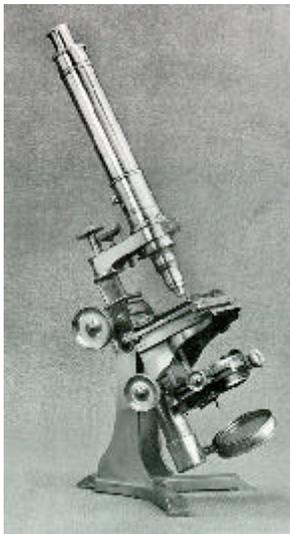
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## From the Head

### The Nathan Kaufman Lectureship

On May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate the contributions of Dr. Nathan Kaufman, the Chair of our Department from 1967-79. We have invited Dr. Errol Friedberg, an Anatomic Pathologist and premier researcher in DNA repair to give the First Kaufman Lecture, followed by a reception at the University Club. The two day visit should be scientifically and socially stimulating.

Dr. Friedberg will be in the Department Monday and Tuesday and will have an opportunity to meet with Faculty and students.

## For Your Information

### BRAD TOOLEY

On Sunday, April 17, Brad, a long-serving Department employee, tragically passed away at the age of fifty. Brad had worked for Kingston General Hospital for 32 years and had proudly worn his gold watch, awarded for 25 years of continuous service, since 1993. Since joining the Autopsy unit, he had developed his skills as Autopsy Master Technician to a very high level and had been instrumental in supporting Pathologists, Residents and many others through thousands of post-mortems and many hundreds of conferences. He had witnessed and participated in many momentous and positive changes over the years and a significant portion of the credit must be his for our outstanding level of service, which recently resulted in the offer of a new contract to the hospital for Regional Forensic Autopsy Services. He will be sadly

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missed and fondly remembered by all his friends and colleagues inside and outside the Department.

Submitted by Dave More

### Spring Convocation

Convocation for the Faculty of Health Sciences will be held at 9:30 am on Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. This is a change from the usual afternoon event. Dr. David Walker, Dean, urges as many members of faculty as possible to attend as this is an important event in the lives of our students and their families.

### Congratulations

#### Aesculapian Society Award for Excellence in Teaching

Congratulations to Dr. David Dexter who has received the 1999-2000 Aesculapian Society Award for Excellence in Teaching (Phase I).

### Milestones

25 years - Barb Latimer

15 years - Linda Anderson

### Staff Cards for Summer Student Employees

Beginning this spring, the Human Resources department will no longer be issuing temporary staff cards to students who work for the University from May until August. In the past, the Human

Resources department issued approximately 300 temporary staff cards to summer student employees.

The photo Id cards issued last fall give students borrowing privileges at the library through to September, however, the photo Id card does not give a student summer access to the Physical Education Centre. Summer student employees will be required to purchase, at a preferred rate, a summer facilities pass if they wish to use the Physical Education Centre from May until August.

To arrange for your summer student employees to receive this preferred Physical Education Centre rate, please notify Marg McIlroy of the names of your summer students ASAP.

### GOLF

The 5<sup>th</sup>? Annual KGH Golf Tournament is Friday June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Garrison GCC. \$35 with a start at 1:00pm. Contact KGH-3755 for more info.

### FOOD

The KGH Market Truck is back on the Davies Patio Friday May 5, 12 and 19 from 6:00am to 5:00pm

Jimmie's Chip Truck opened back up for the summer! Always a spring event worth waiting for!

## **D**r. Dexter's Corner **BEER BARRELS AND BAFFLEGAP**

We have lost a rich heritage of names as the metric system has been embraced and embedded. One only has to review the terminology for quantifying drink to realize the loss of a marvelous lexicon. Everyone is well familiar with the 'pint' even though it is not a usual quantity which the LCBO or the Beer and the outlets provide. Keg quantities are favoured by students. The modern keg is unfortunately made of metal and apart from the occasional dent and scuff mark lacks character.

I think we should support the return of the Cooper. Surely the federal government in a fit of both wisdom and largesse could dispense huge grants to support this ancient skill. Why should we do this? Cooperage is a dying profession. In the 1960's thousands of workers in the United Kingdom were employed in the manufacturing and repair of oak casks. Now there are only eight. Two are employed by T. and R. Theakston - the makers of full bodied quaff known as Theakston's "Old Peculier".

The generic term is cask. Barrels refer to a cask containing 180 liters. Other quantities of fluid were delightfully named - puncheon, hogshead and butt. If the latter two terms invoke concern about purity and cGMP (current Good Manufacturing Process) fear not, you should have more concern over the names of the coopers tools. These too have centuries of tradition. It would be confusing to most to be asked to pass the plucker or the skilop but a request for a bung flugger would take the cake.

Currently we have degenerated to such common and bland terms such as 'a bottle of...' or 'a can of...'. On occasion one hears of a yard of ale or perhaps that should be a meter of brew but the glasses are hard to find and will not fit into the family

dishwasher. There is no question of the dull nature of metric volume. Soon we will have lost through generational laxity the minim (1/76800 of a gallon, Imperial of course not US) the gill (1/32 gal), the peck (2 gal), the cran (37.5 gal and nothing to do with fruit) and lastly the chaldron (288 gal). Somehow winter fuel consumption takes on a certain depth, a richness, even romanticism when one refers to having used but 2 chaldrons of heating oil this past season. It is to be contrasted to 2618 liters of bunker crude #2.

While it might seem curiously appropriate to quantify at autopsy ascitic fluid in hogshead quantities it is not likely going to be adopted as an acceptable standard of measurement, even in the face of the base input of alcoholic beverage being in such huge quantities.

We are alas losing a proportion of our lexicon to the dusty pages of the Oxford Dictionary - not the concise one but the full and complete version now available through the Internet by subscription. The Citation count drops to zero and the designation OE (Old English), ME (Middle English), or UE (Useless English) is attached.

Perhaps a last toast of recognition is appropriate and we raise a flagon or two of best bitter to terms that are time tested, well used but now retired.

## **A**umni Corner

We have had a number of recent visits from ex-members of the staff and old residents. **Dimo Divaris** dropped by on route to Montreal where he was seeking cerebral refreshment at an ASCP course. He is fit and well and surviving the challenges of health care change as well. A new challenge is providing the appropriate high level support services for the development of a cancer centre in his region.

**Plamen Kossev** also visited briefly, and is doing well in Pittsburgh.

**Dr. Arlene Crowe**, who was the Biochemist at Hotel Dieu Hospital for a large number of years, also visited and spent a pleasant evening wining and dining with a number of the technologists. She is doing particularly well and looks younger, healthier, and more vigorous than ever. Retirement seems to suit her very well.

A recent email from **Ken Katchy** in Kuwait concerned the possibility of a pathology resident from that area attending Queen's. It is sad to reflect that, in the years since Ken was a resident with me, our numbers have dropped from the twenties to the current cluster. One also reflects on the fact that we have lost some of our international representation in our resident mix, as well as our ability for a significant number of excellent residents coming to the programme through re-entry. Ken is doing well, and over the years has provided us with interesting consultation cases from an area where the pathology is sometimes considerably different from that that we do from day to day here.

Submitted by Dr. Dexter

The following is an excerpt from a letter Dr. Daria Haust received from Jean C. Rodin in response to our questionnaire sent to her husband. Her husband was an alumni of the Department of Pathology, Queen's.

“December 2, 1999

My Dear Daria:

It is apparent that it has been some time since you and Al were in touch. I'm sorry to have to tell you that he died March 18, 1999, here in San Diego. You were probably not aware that he had Alzheimer's Disease, which had been coming on for some time. We moved to San Diego over three years ago, in the summer of 1996, partly because of the climate and also because I have family here.

Al had retired in 1992, and was already beginning to show signs of the disease. I don't know if you have had an experience with it, but it creeps up gradually. It may have been aggravated by his retirement, since he always enjoyed his work, especially the interaction with others, and I think felt somewhat lost without it. After our move here he became steadily worse and after the first of this year he became rapidly worse and was hospitalized. After that everything started to shut down and he died without ever being able to come back home. He was cremated and is buried here in San Diego.

Fortunately for me, my daughter had moved out here when Al and I did, and was living with us. She was such a help to me towards the end, and is still with me. Also, my sister lives across the street, so I have family around.

I don't know if you had heard that his sister Miriam, who was still living in Winnipeg, died over a year ago, also of the complications of Alzheimer's.

I know he always spoke fondly of you and considered you a good friend. I'm sorry to have had to give you this bad news.

Regards, Jean

## **J**obs Available **Medical College of Georgia**

1) Surgical Pathologist With Subspecialty Interest In Gynecological Pathology And/or Cytopathology

The Medical College of Georgia, Department of Pathology is seeking an individual board certified in anatomic pathology with academic aspirations. The applicant should have fellowship training in either surgical pathology or cytopathology, and would be appointed at the assistant, associate or full professorship level depending upon qualifications. The applicant would

participate in general surgical pathology, and assume responsibility for gynecologic pathology consultation, teaching and clinical interactions. Participation in the cytopathology service is also desired. The Medical College of Georgia OB/GYN department is aggressively recruiting additional faculty, thereby providing opportunity for productive clinical interactions. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

## 2) Surgical Pathologist With Subspecialty Interest In Hematopathology

The Medical College of Georgia, Department of Pathology is seeking an individual board certified in anatomic pathology with academic aspirations. The applicant should have fellowship training in surgical pathology with interest in hematopathology, and would be appointed at the assistant or associate professorship level depending upon qualification. The applicant would participate in general surgical pathology and assume responsibility for hematopathology consultation, teaching and clinical interactions. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Please address applications with curriculum vitae and the names of at least two references to A. Bleakley Chandler, MD, Department of Pathology, Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, Georgia, 30912-3600, (706-721-2923).

## **Lifespan Academic Medical Center (Rhode Island Hospital & the Miriam Hospital)**

Are searching for a Pathologist. The successful candidate must qualify for a full-time medical faculty position at the rank of Instructor, Assistant or Associate Professor of Pathology at the Brown University of Medicine. Minimum requirements include: board eligibility or certification in pathology by the American Board of Pathology (or Canadian equivalent) in Clinical Pathology, with eligibility or certification in Transfusion Medicine/Blood Banking. Candidates should have and training or expertise in a

university hospital or comparable institution with an active clinical service and a commitment to teaching medical students, residents and fellows. Interested individuals should send a letter of interest and a curriculum vitae to Joseph Sweeney, MD, Search Chairperson, Lifespan Academic Medical Center, Department of Pathology, The Miriam Hospital, 164 Summit Avenue, Providence, RI 02906.

## **Children's Memorial Hospital**

The Department of Pathology at Northwestern University Medical School and the Department of Pathology at Children's Memorial Hospital are seeming nominees for the position of Chairman at the Children's Memorial Hospital. The Medical Center's mission is to provide the finest and most comprehensive medical care to all children. The Department offers the full range of pathology services, as well as strong academic and educational programs. The successful candidate will be Board certified in Anatomic or Clinical Pathology (or combined AP and CP). A certificate of competence in Pediatric Pathology is desirable. Candidates should qualify for appointment to the rank of associate or full professor at Northwestern University Medical School and possess strong academic and clinical skills, as well as excellent management abilities and a dedication to improving the care of children. Please submit names of candidates you feel are qualified to: Lauren D. Holinger, MD, Chair, Pathology search Committee, Children's Memorial Hospital, 2300 Children's Plaza - #25, Chicago, IL 60614.

## **University of Saskatchewan**

Applications are invited for an Assistant Professor, without term faculty position in the Department of Pathology, College of Medicine, University of Saskatchewan. Responsibilities include undergraduate and resident teaching, and service primarily to the Royal University Hospital. The candidate should be eligible for or hold certification in Anatomical Pathology/General Pathology from the RCPSC and be eligible for licensure in Saskatchewan. Preference will be given to those with certification in AP and interest/experience on or more areas of AP. Applications with CV and names of three referees should be submitted, not later than **30 May 2000**

to: Dr. J. Kalra, Professor and Head, Department of Pathology/Laboratory Medicine, Royal University Hospital, 103 Hospital Drive, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7N 0W8. Tel: 306-655-2151; Fax: 306-655-2200.

## 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 14 pages for May.

These are available on our web site:

<http://www.path.queensu.ca/queens/grants.htm>

### 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. For additional information about the eligibility criteria, nominations process and other details see Barb in Dr. Manley's office.

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](mailto: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**.

## Richardson Research Seminars

WINTER TERM 2000

Tuesdays at 4:00 pm, Richardson Amphitheatre

Two more this month and then a break until September.

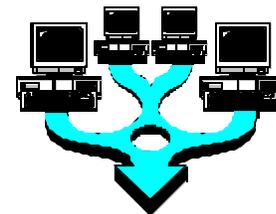
Monday May 8 Dr. Calvin Roskelley, Depts. Anatomy & Obstetrics, University of British Columbia "A Tale of Two Tissues .... Epithelial-Mesenchymal Transformation in the Breast and Ovary"

Tuesday May 9 Dr. E. Friedberg, University of Texas (invited by Dr. P. Manley)

## Network News

### Changes to the Web site in the last month:

- \* New background patterns on menu pages.
- \* Updated faculty/staff contact pages
- \* more electronic presentations online
- \* online info about anti-virus and anti-spam efforts
- \* Provincial and Federal Budget 2000 files now online (in adobe acrobat format from our main home page)
- \* Local and national news links are also on our home page, along with weather images and forecasts.



### General State of the Network:

#### Richlab1 Server:

Still stable and no lockup problems as we had most of the fall of 1999. We are currently using about 6 Gb out of 10 Gb available (that's 6000 Mb).

21,330 pieces of email went in and out of the department in April

#### Richlab2 Server:

Still stable and running the MS Outlook calendar

#### CDServer1:

Rocksteady, recently shut down for an operating system upgrade and up for over 7 days

#### **Web Server:**

Rocksteady, recently shut down for an operating system upgrade and up over 9 days

#### **KGHGate Server:**

New router which routes your LIS or PCS connection directly to KGH rather than roundabout through Queens. About ½ of the department workstations now use this route, with the rest following soon.

#### **Email SPAM:**

spam is another word for unsolicited commercial email (UCE) and we are inundated. Typically the department receives a dozen of these a day. Some get stopped upstream by the Queen's mail server, some are stopped by our mail server, but still many get through to you.

There is not a lot that can be done at that point. The best advice is to simply DELETE the message and go on with life.

Do NOT respond to the message, and especially do NOT send mail to the "unsubscribe" address they list. This is normally a fake address, or another system to capture a real live email address (as millions of UCE are generated with random addresses, in the hopes that some will get through) and confirm that yours is "real". You will only get passed on to more evil spammers and get more spam.

#### **Ontario Budget 2000 Notes**

Queen's University principal Bill Leggett and St. Lawrence College Charlie Labarge were pleased to discover the province will add \$286 million to a colleges and universities capital expenditures program unveiled in last year's budget.

Leggett said he felt the budget's allotment for post-secondary education fell short of the mark, but that the government should be congratulated for a



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number of initiatives that will help the university system and academic research.

"There are initiatives which recognize the serious state of deferred maintenance in the universities," Leggett said. About \$55 million in this year's budget will go toward upgrading university infrastructure. Leggett said a number of Queen's buildings need electrical upgrades and roof and window repairs. Queen's will also have a good shot at winning millions of new dollars in research money announced yesterday.

Health care will also see a rush of new money.

The province will increase spending by \$1.4 billion, including \$100 million over four years to expand primary care.

Alan Grant, chairman of Kingston General Hospital's board of directors, said the money is welcome, but warned it is only part of the solution to Ontario's health-care woes. "Money is helpful, but you can't just throw money at things," said Grant, who is also co-chairman of Kingston's Joint Executive Committee on hospital restructuring.

## Queen's Libraries

McGraw-Hill is launching their online version of their Encyclopedia of Science & Technology called AccessScience by offering free, four-week trials to the encyclopedia's website. A link to this website, along with the log-in information for Queen's, on Queen's Libraries' Databases on Trial webpage is at:  
[http://stauffer.queensu.ca/db\\_access/dbtrials.htm](http://stauffer.queensu.ca/db_access/dbtrials.htm)



"It says 'You can never be too thin or too rich or have too much computer memory.'"

## Buy Sell and Trade

### For Sale:

\*Microwave oven (750 watts) with instructions, meat probe and shelf. In great condition. Just want to sell to buy a smaller unit. \$75.00.

\*Round 40" table with one 12" leaf, Med dark stain. Good condition. Not sure of type of wood but know that its not oak. 4 chairs.\$100.00

Call John/Hermina after 5:00 p.m. @ 634-1582

### 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, June 5th, 2000**

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