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Editorial: Who's got next?
by Jutta Beneken

While typing out the list of graduating students for this issue of the *Newsletter*, I came across the names of two past GSA presidents and reflected for a moment on the past and the future of our student organization. When I first came to Hopkins, and before I became involved with the GSA, Catharine Johnson was its president. We owe Catharine an enormous "thank you" for getting the GSA on its feet and for establishing many of the events that have become the heart of the operation, including seminar series and the fall picnic.

When Catharine stepped down from her office to focus on her thesis, she was succeeded by Laura Korb, who is now a medical student at the University of Maryland. The GSA is and has been very fortunate to have the commitment and dedication of Catharine, Laura, and all of the officers and volunteers who have donated time and brainpower to pull off some hugely successful social and academic events during the past several years.

Another school year is drawing to a close, the end of another GSA administration is near, and changes lie ahead. Our current president, Kellie Cummings, will not be seeking re-election. We will also be losing Tara Riemer, who has served the GSA as parking representative, vice-president, and now as treasurer. We can thank Tara and her incredible organizational talent for bringing us the 97-98 Career Seminar series and the GSA library, to name just a few of her accomplishments.

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**Ethics Colloquium Raises Issues,
Brings Forth Diverse Opinions**
by Tina Tenenhaus

The Johns Hopkins School of Medicine requires all graduate students to participate in an ethics program. The requirement is fulfilled by attending five of several lectures/discussions offered by the S.O.M. or the S.H.P.H. on various ethics issues. Each year the Department of Molecular Biology also offers one such colloquium which fulfills one of the required sessions.

This year's colloquium was hosted by Drs. Geraldine Seydoux and Jeff Corden, who picked out three scenarios for discussion. In each case, a panel of students, post-docs, and faculty was given the scenario in advance and then asked to come to the front of the room to jump-start discussion.

All three scenarios were relevant, realistic, and thought-provoking for those of us in the world of research. The first scenario concerned authorship. This issue started a fervent debate as it is so close to home. While many agreed that both intellectual and physical contribution is necessary to earn authorship, there was much dispute as to how those criteria applied to the hypothetical scenario at hand. For example, should an undergraduate who simply collects samples be an author? What about a labmate who comes up with the key to getting a troublesome assay to work? What about a PI, in whose lab the work was performed, but who is on sabbatical and has contributed very little intellectually and nothing physically?

Some took the generous opinion that there is no harm in giving

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Upcoming GSA Meeting June 8

GSA Meetings are held on the
2nd Tuesday of each month at
4 pm in **Hunterian Room G-3.**

Notes from the GSA

Upcoming Events

GSA Elections

Call for Nominations and Balloting will be done by email during the next few weeks for elected GSA officer positions (President, 2 Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer). Watch your email for details!

**Congratulations to
Dr. Kathy Wilson, winner of the
1999 Teacher of the Year Award**

**May 27, 1999
Graduation
Joseph Meyerhoff Hall**

Traveling for work or fun this summer?

Don't forget about the JHH
International Travel Clinic!

The ITC provides health information, routine immunizations, and preventive medications for your trip. The clinic also takes appointments for the diagnosis, treatment, and follow-up of travel related illnesses.

Call 410-955-8931 for an appointment.

Since a few of the current officers are passing the baton, it is important for all of us in the GSA to know that someone down the line will pick it up. A graduate student organization without the involvement of graduate students is nothing more than a crewless ship floating aimlessly in choppy waters. Leadership and dedication is a necessity, and like any other extra-curricular activity, it requires time and effort. But it also has its rewards. From my own experience, I can tell you that my interactions with faculty, administration, visiting lecturers, and other graduate students on behalf of the GSA have been some of the highlights of my time at Hopkins.

With Graduation around the corner, it is time to think about the future of the GSA, the GSA *Newsletter*, the new school year, and the incoming students. Think about what **you** want **your** GSA to be. Think about what you want to see done for student life at Hopkins. Get involved. Volunteer. Write for the *Newsletter*. Make yourself heard.

As we say farewell to Catharine and Laura, thanking them and everyone else who has been involved with the GSA, we need to know that someone will carry on the legacy. As unrealistic as this may have sounded a few years ago, there actually is a chance that someday my own name will be on that list of graduating students, and so the 1999-2000 year will mark my last with the GSA and the *GSA Newsletter*. Let's make it a good one. See you at the next GSA meeting.



Dr. Victor McKusick (left) presented his research at the 1999 Pioneers in Biology lecture on March 31, 1999. Photo by C. Dann.

Restaurant Review: Affordable Elegance in Canton

By Sarah Wheelan

Canton's ongoing makeover has inspired several new restaurants in the past six months, and so far they seem to be keepers. We tried Razorback's, at 2903 O'Donnell Street (next to Nacho Mama's) ((410)675-1880), and Mangia Mangia ((410)534-8999), at 834 S. Luzerne Ave, down the street from Weber's. Both are bars with surprisingly nice decor and excellent food.

We were lured to Razorback's by the pig-centered decor and the promise of "real" baby-back ribs. True to their claim, the ribs were lean, tender, and very nicely seasoned with a sweet molasses-based sauce; they came with coleslaw and perfect fries.

We found several other gems on the menu: the smoked salmon appetizer, which consists of toasted bread topped with smoked salmon and a dill sauce, was fantastic and was the subject of the only dispute of the meal (over who got the last piece); the steak salad was excellent, if a bit odd-looking (it came topped with a bird's-nest of shaved beets); the wild mushroom foccacia sandwich was surprisingly rich and had a complex mix of flavors due to the roasted red pepper and goat cheese toppings; and the mango shrimp appetizer, which contained some of the biggest shrimp I've met, was also quite satisfying and well-seasoned.

Razorback's also has a very wide selection of reasonably-priced beer and wine, and the staff was friendly and attentive. Appetizers were \$5 to \$9, and the meals ranged from \$6 to \$16.

Mangia Mangia has such intriguing decor that we wanted to try it as soon as we saw the outside, which is decorated with a gigantic food-oriented mural, including a huge fork winding up pasta. The inside is just as funky: strangely shaped mirrors and a high ceiling make what is actually a tiny space seem reasonable, and old doors are used to panel one of the walls.

The food at Mangia Mangia was a very nice surprise, as I was expecting it to be a very average Little-Italy-style pasta place. For an appetizer we savored the wild mushroom ravioli; at \$6 it came topped with a rosemary-sage cream sauce and included several types of mushrooms. It was very rich, but not too much for two people to share, and the freshness of the herbs offset the heaviness of the cream perfectly. For a main dish we had our choice of pasta with over a dozen different sauces, fresh fish, hearty salads, or homemade pizza. We tried the tomato-cheese pizza with spinach on top, for \$7.95 (enough for two with appetizers and salad, or one for a bigger dinner), and the special of the day, fresh trout. The pizza is baked in a brick oven, so it was very fresh and light (not at all oily). The fish was quite impressively presented whole, on a bed of linguini, topped with a truly Cajun sauce. The flavors somehow worked out perfectly, and we gladly took home the leftovers. For dessert we managed to polish off a sizeable cannoli, which ranked up with some of the better ones we've tried (and it's a long, long list).

Canton is fast becoming a very safe and interesting area, so plan for a brisk walk after your meal!

everyone in question authorship. Others felt that a large number of authors dilutes the importance of authorship. Perhaps authorship should not be thought of as a reward to be earned, but rather as a responsibility to the integrity of the paper. Open communication between all of the researchers involved in a project is probably the best way to deal with the issue of authorship.

The second scenario involved the ethical use of vertebrates for research. While it is clear that researchers must have the project protocols approved by the Animal Care and Use Committee, it is not as clear what types of protocol revisions must be approved prior to performing an experiment. Major changes, especially those requiring additional training (e.g. for surgeries) should certainly be filed in advance. However considering that it can take one to two months to get approval for a protocol revision, a researcher may not want to wait for the paperwork to go through for minor changes. Again, communicating directly with the committee may be the best way to go in the short term.

The third scenario was presented in a delightfully "entertaining" 7.5 minute movie with amateur actors from AAAS. The details of the situation seemed somewhat unrealistic. The PI wanders into the lab and happily informs the three students that they will be expected to finalize all of their data into presentable format by the end of the week, for submission to a journal the following week.

Unfortunately, one student needs to repeat an experiment because two data points don't fit in, and he thinks he may have just made a technical error. None the less, several pertinent and interesting issues emerged. We are all familiar with deadline pressure, whether it is from an

approaching lab meeting, or from a competing lab. In this particular situation there seemed also to be some "peer" pressure, as all of the other co-authors had their data in order, and the PI had enthusiastically expressed his expectation that everything could be tied up shortly.

Despite all of these pressures it is clear that the ethical approach is to either accurately obtain the necessary data, or to report any discrepancies and interpret the data more conservatively. Given that we are in the business of seeking the truth, disseminating the truth is a necessity. Communication, accurate notekeeping, and honest, clear paper-writing is the key.

For more information on the School of Medicine Ethics Training Sessions, call 614-3273.

The pen is mightier than the pipet...

Please send any poems, short stories, creative writing, photos, or black and white art to the [GSA Newsletter](#)! Submissions for the first issue of 99-00 will be due in early August.

GSA Web Page

Make sure you check out the GSA Web Page at <http://www.med.jhu.edu/gsa>.

You'll find everything from local happenings to GSA meeting minutes. Back issues of the GSA Newsletter can be found at <http://www.med.jhu.edu/gsa/news.html>.

- * Are you a science or engineering Ph.D. grad student or recent Ph.D?**
- * Are you concerned about your future and the future of other Ph.D.s?**
- * Would you like to help improve graduate education in the sciences?**

Phds.Org, a leading online education and employment resource for young scientists, is launching THE GRAD SCHOOL SURVEY (www.phds.org/survey), an assessment of educational and professional development practices in the nation's graduate schools.

The survey will use input from thousands of graduate students and recent Ph.D.s like you to reveal which graduate programs and departments are doing a great job preparing Ph.D.s for their future careers and which need to improve.

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On the Wild Side: Harper's Ferry National Park

By Ed Hsiao

It's summer time, and where better to enjoy the weather than outside!

About an hour and a half from Baltimore is Harper's Ferry National Historical Park. Located at the intersection of the Potomac and Shennandoah Rivers, the site is rich with history, particularly that of abolitionist John Brown and the Civil War. In addition, the area is a great place to go hiking on the Appalachian Trail.

To get to Harper's Ferry, take I-70 west. Just past Frederick, take Rt. 340 south-west until you cross the Potomac River into Virginia. A few minutes later, you'll cross the Shenandoah River into West Virginia and see signs for the Visitor's Center and Parking. The Harper's Ferry downtown area ("Lower Town") is accessible either by walking or by shuttle bus from the Visitor's Center.

There are several points to pick up the Appalachian Trail. Off of Rt. 340 on the Virginia side of the Shenandoah River just before the bridge is a trailhead for the southbound AT. The entrance to the trail is poorly marked, but once you are on it, the trail is unmistakable (though keep an eye out for those blazes). This area (Loudoun Heights) is very serene with some great views of the Blue Ridge mountain range.

For a somewhat more touristy hike, consider heading North on the AT from the Lower Town. At the end of Shenandoah Street (the main drag of Harper's Ferry), cross over the Potomac River into the Maryland Heights

area. You'll find various Civil War forts and campgrounds, and (after some hiking uphill) get a striking view of Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia from above the city. As you head back through the city, stop by for home-made ice cream at the stores along High Street in the Lower Town.

On the way home, stop by Larriland Farm on Rt. 94, 2 miles south of I-70 (exit 73) near Lisbon, MD. Larriland is one of a few "self-pick" farms in Maryland - it opens in late May with strawberries and end in November with various hard fruits and pumpkins. You can also find amazing flowers and vegetables. Call 410-442-2605 for information on what is in season.

Have a great summer!

GSA Orioles Tickets!

**Tuesday, June 22, 1999
7:35 pm**

**Orioles vs. Boston Red Sox
@ Camden Yards**

Tickets will be available starting June 1.

Ticket prices are \$8 for students, \$13 for non-students (faculty, post-docs, staff).

First come, first serve, but priority will be given to graduate students.

Volunteers Needed! Make a Difference!

We are looking for dedicated, patient individuals to tutor someone with dyslexia for a minimum of one year.

Maryland Associates for Dyslexic Adults and Youth, Inc. (MADAY) will provide training to you in the Orton-Gillingham Multi-Sensory approach of teaching reading. After completing a seven (7) session tutor training class, we will match you with one of the students on our waiting list.

You will be helping individuals who cannot afford private tutoring to improve their lives in a very significant way. Our tutors find this to be a positive and rewarding experience.

We have two training sessions in May 1999, and one in July 1999.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE
MADAY OFFICE AT 410-889-5487.**

GSAN Luncheon

We want to thank everyone, both current and future contributors, for their support of the GSA Newsletter during the past year! Come to the GSAN Luncheon on Tuesday May 25th in Hunterian G3 from noon-2 pm. Food will be provided!

Please RSVP to Ed Hsiao
<ehsiao@welchlink.welch.jhu.edu>.

GSAN Editors Needed

Because of retirement and graduation, we need new editors to help with layout and editing.

No experience necessary -- we'll train!

Contact any current editor for more information.

A Hot Spring and a Jump

by Peter Torgg

Finally, spring is upon us. As I cursed the freezing rain from my prone position upon the glazed sidewalk back in February, one thought enabled me to get up, brush off the snow and ice, and continue on: I must at least survive until spring to see the season finale of Buffy, the kick-ass vampire slayer. But beside the season finales, spring in Baltimore actually has a lot to offer. First, I'd like to congratulate all the graduating students, or should I say "doctors"? Commencement is only a few days away, and it's encouraging to at least see that there is hope at the end of the tunnel (and maybe a nice postdoc position waiting somewhere as well).

But even outside the confines of Hopkins' walls, the colors and sounds of spring are everywhere. Even though it's been almost three years since I moved here from California, the change in seasons still surprises me. One place in Baltimore city where spring is in full bloom is the **Sherwood Gardens**. Located in Guilford, it boasts about 15 varieties of blooming tulips in all the colors of the rainbow. This "secret" garden is only about 2 minutes from the Homewood campus...just make a right onto Highfield Rd. off of Charles Street going north. It's definitely worth a visit, but you have to act fast: at the end of May, they dig up the bulbs and sell them to the public. And like Monica Lewinsky, it would really suck if you missed it.

Although baseball has just gotten under way, May is the month of another big sporting event in Baltimore: the **Preakness**. I have fond memories of my first Preakness. It was amazingly hot and, like a convict on death row, I fried that day. A friend of a friend had roped off a section in the infield, and we arrived with an igloo crammed full of cheap beer. But let's face it: after the third or fourth one, it really didn't matter. The drink of the day was the black eyed susan, which was mostly ice but came with the collectors cup (to quote Gary Coleman, "it's the small things in life that count"). The infield soon took on an almost mardi gras atmosphere and I saw as much naked flesh as in *Shakespeare in Love*. This year, the Preakness is on May 15th. Tickets for the infield run at \$20, and those for the grandstand (if you're a wuss and want shade) are \$15.

Speaking of tickets, you can read this copy of the GSA newsletter as you wait in line to catch *Star Wars, Episode I: Lucas Makes Millions*, hitting theaters on May 19th. And we all know that the release of movie blockbusters means one thing: summer has arrived. Summer is possibly my favorite season. Perhaps it's because there are no more classes, journal clubs, or seminars to go to for a good three months. Or maybe it's because life and research in lab becomes more relaxed during the summer, as labmates bust out the shorts and t-shirts, and happy hours get moved outside into the sunshine. I look forward to the outdoor activities, like ultimate Frisbee at the Homewood campus, long morning jogs, bike rides along the **Northern Central Railroad Trail**, and early evening barbecues. But all in all, summer brings to mind the end of another year as a graduate student at Hopkins and an additional step closer to my very own commencement day. Which means I best stop procrastinating and get back to work!



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May 13-28, 1999

Department of Art
as Applied to Medicine

Opening Reception
Thursday, 13 May 1999
4:00 - 7:00 pm

Johns Hopkins University
Gallery, School of Public Health
1901 East Monument Street
Baltimore, Maryland

Founded by Department of Art as Applied to Medicine, School of
Medicine Graduate Student Association and School of Public Health

The exhibition features artwork of the six 1999 Master of Arts candidates from the Department of Art as Applied to Medicine. Additional displays outline the history of medical illustration at Johns Hopkins, techniques and materials, and the role of new technologies in the visualization of biomedical subjects. For information call 410-955-3213.

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**HAVE A GREAT
SUMMER!**
See you in September!

Congratulations 1999 Graduates!!!

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