And the winner is ...

The new name of this newsletter was among the 10 suggestions submitted by Dennis Cullinane, a graduate student in anatomy. When asked what prize Dennis will receive, Dean Loew reportedly said, “Give him a free lifetime subscription.” Actually Dennis will be treated to lunch with Dr. Loew as a token of appreciation for his creative efforts.

A total of 43 suggestions (including 3 variations of “The Loew-down News”) were submitted by 14 faculty and staff. Thanks to all listed below who participated in the contest!

Jennifer Angyal, Student Services
Marjory Brooks, Diagnostic Lab
Kathy Earnest-Koons, Microbiology & Immunology
John Godfrey, Computing Services
Dr. and Mrs. Robert Habel, emeritus, Anatomy
Terry Mingle, Physiology
Marilyn Pettinga, Public Affairs & Physiology
Fred Quimby, CRAR
Shari Renaud-Farrell, VMTH
Brian Summers, Pathology
Bud Tennant, Clinical Sciences
Denise Thompson, Computing Services
Pam Wilkins, Clinical Sciences

Clinical Sciences

Nancy Gift, Research Support Specialist I, 2/26/96, to assist Dr. Janet Scarlett in her epidemiologic studies of obesity and dental diseases in cats, and reasons for cat relinquishment to humane shelters.

JoAnn Huddle, Accounts Representative III, 1/15/96, in the DCS Administrative Office.

Microbiology & Immunology

Dr. Jarra Jagne recently joined the department as a temporary Research Support Specialist to work with Dr. Ben Lucio on a project using ELISA techniques to assert that chicken flocks are free of Salmonella enteritidis.

ACCOLADES

Hospital clients Gary and Patricia Simons have brought their seriously ill family dogs to the Companion Animal Hospital over the past two years. Here are some excerpts from their recent correspondence.

“Dr. Martina Altschul is the best veterinarian BY FAR that we have ever met. She is exemplary in the care of her patients and in dealing with pet owners.

“Our pleasant experiences start at the door when we are greeted by Rich or Gail. It continues when either Deb Watrous or Kim Baldwin take our pets for their tests. These two women are like angels.

“From the people on the switchboard to the receptionist (you might say, the little people who do not always get the glory) Cornell would not be the same without you, and we recognize your contribution to the whole caregiving process.”

INTROS

New faces among faculty and staff

Anatomy

Christopher Plummer, Administrative/Computer Assistant, 2/22/96

Baker Institute

WeiKuan Gu, Research Associate II, 1/8/96
Edward Han, Technician III, 2/1/96
Luc Harter, Postdoctoral Associate, 1/2/96
Verena Olivier, Temporary Technician, 1/8/96
Gail Sullivan, Temporary Technician, 2/29/96
Sun Wei, Graduate Research Assistant, 12/25/95
Wen Yuan, Graduate Research Assistant, 12/1/95

Pathology

Heather Archibald, Technician, 1/8/96
Patricia Fisher, Research Support Specialist, 2/5/96
Dong Cho Han, Postdoctoral Associate, 1/2/96

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Deadline is Friday, May 5!

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Students: send e-mail to eaf3@cornell.edu

Thank You to Marge McKinney for her help in compiling material from all departments for this issue.
Baker Institute
Dr. Christopher Davies (Microbiology & Immunology) joined the staff of the Institute on February 1 as an instructor.

Clinical Sciences
Dr. Norm Ducharme will return from sabbatic leave on February 28.
Dr. Richard Hackett will begin a sabbatic leave on March 1.
Congratulations to Dr. William Hornbuckle for his promotion to Professor of Small Animal Medicine on January 1!

Pathology
Nadine Patterson returned on February 19, after a leave for back surgery. They say the Pathology Department wasn’t quite the same without her.

Student Services
Priscilla Schenck joined the staff on February 1, as Assistant to the Director of Admissions. After eight years at the helm of the Microcomputer Center, she’ll be using her extensive computing skills to help upgrade admissions, placement, and other student services.

Educational Development
Peter Gunn has replaced Priscilla Schenck as Coordinator of the Microcomputer Center. He began work on February 15.

Diagnostic Lab
Dr. Thomas Reimers was recently elected chairman-elect of the Division of Animal Clinical Chemistry of the American Association for clinical chemistry. He also has been invited to speak at the 7th International Congress of the International Society for Animal Clinical Biochemistry next summer at the University of Glasgow in Scotland.

The Endocrinology Section is one of only two laboratories in the U.S. recently certified by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals to test serum samples for its new Canine Thyroid Registry.

Laboratory Animal Services
After successfully completing AALAS certification examinations and in-house training, the following staff have been promoted to Animal Technician II, effective January 4, 1996.

Ken L. Ayers
Larry F. Carlisle
Brenda J. Collins
David G. Collins
John A. Daley
Dave S. Dietterich
Christel M. Jago
Sid C. Reeves
Robert D. Relyea
Scott E. Vonderchek
Dale L. Walters
Kevin A. Yager
Cheryl M. Weed
Gerald Williams

Microbiology & Immunology
Dr. Joel Baines and his rock band, “The Effect,” played at The Nines in College town recently. The band includes Engineering professor, Dexter Kozer (Computer Science), and graduate students Scott Parretta (Psychology) and Rick Aaron (Computer Science). Look for them on the Arts Quad on April 12.

Dr. Rodney Dietert was in Australia recently to give the lead-off lectures in two invited symposia: the annual meeting of the Australian Poultry Science Symposium and a conference on “Air Quality and Animal Agriculture Production.” Both were held in Sydney, Australia.

Karen Medville, a Ph.D. student supported on the Toxicology Training Grant directed by Dr. Stephen Bloom, is featured in an upcoming PBS documentary, “Breakthrough, the Changing Face of Science in America” will air on April 3, 15, and 22, but check your local PBS station for exact time and dates. Dr. Rodney Dietert (her advisor) and the lab are also featured.

Dr. Fred Scott has just started work on a new research project funded by Schering-Plough Animal Health involving recombinant Feline Interferon. He is investigating the antiviral activity of this new compound which was produced in Japan. The study hopes to provide base information for clinical use of this product in cats in the U.S.
Pharmacology

Congratulations on Service Awards presented to:
Debra Crane, 5 years
H. Blake Werner, 10 years

Dr. Gregory Weiland gave a presentation on February 29 to a sixth-grade science class at Dryden Elementary School. He talked about careers in biological sciences, especially at the Veterinary College, as well as aspects of teaching, research, and clinical sciences. Dr. Weiland also gave the students an overview of cardiovascular physiology.

Physiology

Dr. Peter Nathanielsz was recently awarded a Doctor of Science from Cambridge University, England for his contributions to the field of pregnancy research.

Administration

Congratulations to Eileen Roberts for over 15 years of service to the college. Eileen worked in Public Affairs for over ten years before moving to the Deans’ office to work with Dr. Don Smith. She’s well known and loved by many alumni for her Irish wit and humor, and for her genuine kindness to all.

New Books by Faculty

Dr. Rodney Dieter (Microbiology and Immunology), is the “Comparative Immunology” book series editor for CRC Press, Inc., and has three new books either out or in press, including The Physiology of the Immune System, which is edited by Dr. James Marsh (Microbiology & Immunology).

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Book Sale

During the Annual Conference, the Campus Store will sell veterinary books at 10% off in the VEC Atrium, March 22-24.

Microbiology & Immunology

The Rice Hall and Levine Lab groups are no longer orphans of the Vet College complex. The Department is now whole and is located on the 4th and 5th floors of the VMC.

Pharmacology

The Department of Pharmacology is now located on the 3rd floor of the Veterinary Medical Center. The phone numbers remain the same as in the current directory.

Microcomputer Center

The Center now has a color laser printer and a Quicktake digital camera. Contact Peter Gunn at 253-3505 or send e-mail to pdgl@cornell.edu for more information.

Clinical Sciences

Approximately 25% of our faculty and staff recently relocated to offices and laboratories in the Veterinary Medical Center.

The following is a list of the new locations and phone numbers for those folks who have moved:

- Dr. Christina Cable  C4 139 VMC  3-3151
- Dr. Peter Dael  S1 074 Schuman  3-3845
- Dr. Norm Ducharme C4 141 VMC  3-3109
- Dr. James Flanders C3 101 VMC  3-3588
- Dr. Susan Fubini C4 145 VMC  3-3110
- Dr. Ned Gentz C4 185 VMC  3-3371
- Dr. Robin Gleed C3 111 VMC  3-3019
- Dr. Richard Hackett C4 143 VMC  3-3124
- Dr. Jay Harvey C3 179 VMC  3-3025
- Denise Hine C3 105 VMC  3-3278
- Dr. Almira Hoogesteyn C4 185 VMC  3-3603
- Dr. William Hornbuckle C2 003 VMC  3-3023
- Dr. James Jacob C2 015 VMC  3-3284
- Dr. George Kollias C4 183 VMC  3-3049
- Debbie Lent C3 183 VMC  3-3249
- Anne Littlejohn C3 183 VMC  3-3224
- Dr. Ruihai Liu C2 015 VMC  3-3290
- Dr. John Ludders C3 103 VMC  3-3190
- Dr. Victoria Lukasik C4 139 VMC  3-3601
- Dr. Paula Moon C3 109 VMC  3-3095
- Dr. David Murphy C4 139 VMC  3-3120
- Dr. Alan Nixon C3 187 VMC  3-3050
- Dr. Neil Norcross C3 105 VMC  3-3275
- Dr. Jan Palmer C4 139 VMC  3-3119
- Dr. Simon Peck C2 017 VMC  3-3495
- Carol Roncker C2 004 VMC  3-3285
- Dr. Charles Short C5 165 VMC  3-3208
- Dr. Kenneth Simpson C3 001 VMC  3-3251
- Dr. Leslie Smith C4 139 VMC  3-3602
- Forrest Stee C2 015 VMC  3-3598
- Dr. Rory Todhunter C3 185 VMC  3-3041
- Dr. Ila Tochkov C2 017 VMC  3-3495
- Dr. Eric Trotter C3 181 VMC  3-3079
- Dr. Pam Wilkins C3 105 VMC  3-3497
- Janice Williams C3 126 VMC  3-3192

New Babies


A boy, Connor Gordon, born on February 2, to Dr. Ken Simpson (Small Animal Medicine) and his wife, Mia Simpson, DVM.

A girl, Ariana Rose, born February 25, to Alexandra Giordano (Public Affairs) and her husband, Joseph.

A boy, Benjamin Merrill, born March 6, to Marilyn Pettinga (Physiology & Public Affairs) and her husband, Kyle.
LECTURES & SEMINARS

Physiology Dept. Seminars
Lecture Hall 3, VRT, 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 26 — Dr. Edward Brown, Endocrinology-Hypertension Div., Brigham & Women's Hospital, Boston, "Extracellular Ca2+-sensing receptors mediate direct regulation of parathyroid and renal function..."

Tuesday, April 2 — Dr. Michael Appleby, Institute of Ecology and Resource Management, University of Edinburgh, "Research in Europe on behavior and housing systems for laying hens"

Tuesday, April 9 — Graduate/Undergraduate Symposium (LH2, VEC, 3:30 p.m.)

Tuesday, April 23 — Dr. Mark Hanson, Dept. of OB/GYN, University College, London, "Reflex endocrine and local components of development of fetal cardiovascular control"

Tuesday, April 30 — Hosook Yang-Preyer, Thesis Seminar, "Regulation of water and osmolyte balance in pigs by thirst and urinary mechanisms"

Immunology Seminars
Boyce Thompson Auditorium, 12:15 p.m.

Friday, March 15 — Dr. Beth Sabin, Microbiology & Immunology Dept., Cornell, "Early cytokine responses induced by S. mansoni eggs"

Friday, March 29 — Dr. Henry Metzger, NIH, "Functional consequences of transmembrane signaling initiated by aggregates of cell surface receptors"

Friday, April 19 — Dr. Anne Crump Avery, Pathology Dept., Colorado State University, "Genetics of host resistance to murine malaria"

Friday, April 26 — Dr. Marian Koshland, Molecular & Cell Biology Dept., University of California-Berkeley, "The roles of two master regulatory genes in B cell immune responses"

Thursday, May 2 — Dr. Irving Weissman, Stanford University, "Hematopoietic stem cell and T-cell maturation" (LH1, VEC)

Friday, May 17 — Mr. Richard Ha, Microbiology & Immunology Dept., Cornell, "Dietary protein and immune function in aging rats"

Cell Pathology Seminars
Boyce Thompson Auditorium, 12:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 20 — Dr. Eileen Friedman, SUNY HSC, Syracuse: "Colon Tumor Progression by TGFβ1"

Thursday, April 4 — Dr. Richard Assoian, University of Miami School of Medicine, "Cyclins and tumor suppressors regulated by growth factors and the extracellular matrix"

SPECIAL EVENTS

MARCH
13 Rabies Control Symposium, sponsored by NYS Task Force on Wildlife Rabies Vaccination, Diagnostic Lab, NYS Dept. of Health, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., James Law Auditorium

21-22 Poster Session, Gallery, Veterinary Medical Center Sponsored by Phi Zeta and ROVS

22-24 Annual Conference for Veterinarians: Call Linda Alfreds at 3-3200 for info.

28 AABP talk by Phizer rep., 7 p.m.

30 AABP Farm Tour with Dr. Chuck Guard

APRIL
13 Annual Open House, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

3 AABP talk by Elanco rep. & dinner, 6:30 p.m.

9 AABP presentation by dairy vets, Dr. Melanie Parker and Dr. Calvin Pierce, 7 p.m.

15 AABP presentation on dairy herd management by Dr. Gordy Jones

26-27 AAEP Symposium

MAY
21 Honor Day Program, Sheraton Hotel, 6 p.m.

25 Hooding Ceremony, Statler Auditorium, 4:30 p.m.

26 Commencement

The Veterinary Players present "The Baker's Wife" April 12, 13, 14
This year's play is a romantic musical comedy set in a small town in France in the early 1900s. The show stars Eric Linnet '97, Nata Hoffman '97, Tricia Ernst '97, and many other members of the college community. Shows are in the James Law Auditorium at 8:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, April 12 & 13, and at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 14. Tickets are available in the Student Services office, $1.00. Schurman (253-3700).
VMC Dedication — June 7, 1996

All faculty, staff, students, family and friends are invited to attend a formal ceremony to dedicate the Veterinary Medical Center on Friday, June 7, 1996 at 1:30 p.m. The event will be about 45 minutes long, and will be held under a tent in the O-Lot across from the VMC.

Speakers will include Dean Loew; NYSVMS President MacDonald Holmes, DVM ’61; former SCAVMA President Mara DiGrazia, DVM ’96; State Senator James Seward; Assemblyman Martin Luster; SUNY Vice Chancellor for Capital Facilities Irving Friedman; and Cornell President Hunter Rawlings.

Note Re: Parking in O-Lot: Most of the parking spaces in the O-Lot bay directly across from the Companion Animal Hospital entrance will be blocked off for the tent from Tuesday evening, June 4 through Sunday, June 9.

Pathology

Dr. Fernando Ibanez, Visiting Fellow, from Madrid, Spain, 2/20/96
Dr. Antonio Espinosa, Visiting Fellow, from Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain, 4/15/96
Dr. Ji He Zhao, Postdoctoral Associate, 4/20/96

Pharmacology

Dr. H. Alex Brown from the Department of Pharmacology, Southwestern Medical Center, University of Texas, will join the department as an Assistant Professor in October.

Dr. Samira Daniel, Postdoctoral Associate, joined Dr. Geoffrey Sharp’s group on April 1. Samira obtained her Ph.D. in Biochemistry from Purdue University.

Dr. Subhadrab Gunawardana, will become a graduate student of Dr. Geoffrey Sharp on May 23. Subhadrab obtained her B.V.Sc. from University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.

Dr. T. Bratanova-Tochko, joined Dr. Geoffrey Sharp’s group on May 1.

Rithwick Rajgopal, an undergraduate student, will join Dr. Linda Nowak’s group to learn laboratory techniques and to obtain a better understanding of research.

Karin Margot, Research Aide, joined Dr. Linda Nowak’s group on May 13. Karin obtained her M. E. in electrical engineering and physiology from the Université Catholic de Louvain in Belgium.

Kyle MacLea, a Cornell undergraduate, received a summer fellowship from the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics, and will work with Dr. Robert Oswald’s group this summer.

Physiology

Dr. Nongnuch Inpanbutr from Ohio State University is the first IAMC Visiting Professor at the College of Veterinary Medicine. She will be here for a period of three months.

Baker Institute

Clint Kellogg, Animal Technician, 3/14/96
Gail Sullivan, Technician, 4/25/96

Clinical Sciences

Dr. Lorin Warnick will join the faculty as an Assistant Professor of Ambulatory and Production Medicine on August 1, 1996.

Dr. Gregory Starrak will join the faculty as a Lecturer in Radiology on August 1.

Dr. Anjilla Cooley will join the faculty as a Lecturer in Primary Care and Anesthesia on August 1.

Microbiology and Immunology

Scott Burian joined the Cornell University Duck Research Laboratory on Long Island in April as Technical Services Supervisor.

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Baker Institute

Jane Miller became Administrative Manager in March. Sue Hamlin now divides her time between administration and development for the Institute.

Clinical Sciences

Congratulations to Dr. Norm Ducharme for his promotion to Professor of Large Animal Surgery!

Congratulations to Betsy Wilcox for her promotion to Administrative Assistant IV!

Dr. Steve Barr will begin a one-year sabbatical on July 1.

Dr. Thomas Divers will begin a six-month sabbatical on June 17.

Todd Kennett, a technician working in Dr. Arleigh Reynolds' clinical nutrition studies, will take a departmental leave beginning at the end of May through the end of the summer.

Dr. Ronald Riis begins a six-month sabbatical on July 1.

Laboratory Animal Services

After successfully completing AALAS certification examinations and in-house training, Floyd Bennett and Stephen Cowulich were promoted to Animal Technician II, effective April 25. Both work at the Field Lab division of LAS with Dr. Bud Tennant's woodchuck research studies, under the management of Deborah Alo.

Pathology

Dr. Nelva Bryant, Resident in Pathology, accepted a position with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, Georgia.

Dr. John King will begin sabbatical leave on September 1 for one year. He will be visiting Taiwan, Argentina and England.

Dr. Robert Lewis will begin sabbatical leave in June for 3 months. He will be located at MIT in Boston.

Dr. Nena Winand will return in August to resume her position as Assistant Professor, having spent the year at Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston.

Physiology

Jay Pedro, a Research Support Specialist with Dr. Peter Nathanielsz' research group, is leaving in May to pursue his MBA in Pennsylvania.

Student Services

Administrative Assistant Jennifer Angyal will leave the college on June 12 to move with her husband, Matt, to Austin, TX. Matt completed his Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering this spring. Ramona Anderson, who worked in Student Services several years ago, has returned to take Jen's position.

Administration

Bill Anderson, Director of Facilities Administration, was honored by friends and colleagues in March for 15 years of service to Cornell. Bill joined the college staff on St. Patrick's Day in 1981.

Anatomy

Dr. Howard Evans, Professor Emeritus, was made an Honorary Member of the College Alumni Association on March 23, 1996, "In Grateful Appreciation for your Timeless Devotion to our Veterinary College." This is the first time the organization has made such an award.

Dr. Xiaobing Dai, Research Associate, passed both parts of the U.S. Medical Licensing Exam, and has left Dr. Susan Suarez's laboratory to move to Florida for medical residency experience.

Congratulations to first-year students Eve Ogniben, Michelle Egli, Becky Price, and Karen DeMoy who won First Place for the Anatomy Challenge in the overall Anatomy Competition at the SAVMA Symposium in March. Michelle and Becky also won First and Third Place respectively in the individual category.

Baker Institute

Reinhard Straubinger won first prize in the College's 1996 graduate student research poster competition. The Research Poster Day was sponsored by the Alpha Chapter of Phi Zeta, the Auxiliary to the New York State Veterinary Medical Society, IAMS, and Waltham.

Microbiology and Immunology

Dr. Rodney Dietert led a site visit and review of an intercollege Avian Research Center at the University of Minnesota in April.

Dr. Kathy Earnest-Koons, a graduate student with Dr. Paul Bowser, received a grant from the Alumni Unrestricted Gifts Fund for her project titled "Aquatic Animal Medicine Teaching Materials."

Dr. Karen Golemboski, Senior Research Associate, visited Mrs. Sholtys' second grade classroom at Caroline Elementary School in April to deliver a program entitled "Germ Wars," a presentation describing the immune system. Demonstration of immune cells (from humans, rats, and chickens) using videomicroscopy was, as usual, the most popular segment! She has presented the same program at the school a number of times in the past three years and was also a featured speaker at the ScienCenter's Saturday "Showtime" series last spring.

Cpt. Thomas E. Miller, M.S. candidate in Environmental Toxicology, and Ms. Heesun Kwak, Ph.D. candidate in Immunology, successfully defended their theses and graduated in May. They are both students of Dr. Rodney Dietert.
At the Department’s Employee Day luncheon on April 18, Service Awards were presented to:

Mary Linton, 20 years
Diane Colf, 15 years
Diane Stemnock, 15 years
Greg Wooster, 10 years

The Unit of Avian Medicine Advisory Council, formed by leaders of the New York Poultry Industry, the Department of Animal Sciences, and our Unit of Avian Medicine, met at the Veterinary College in May to discuss problems related to poultry health in New York State.

On June 18, members of PAIR (Poultry Associated Industry Representatives) will tour the College and the renovated Poultry Isolation Building. The Unit of Avian Medicine will host the event.

Aquavet Celebrates 20th Anniversary

Aquavet is an educational program in aquatic animal medicine presented jointly by Cornell’s College of Veterinary Medicine and the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. The program is conducted annually at the Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, MA, immediately following the spring semester. The 1996 program will constitute the 20th anniversary of Aquavet, which will be noted by a special Symposium to be held at Woods Hole on November 14-16, 1996. Plans are being made to host many of the almost 600 alumni at this event.

This summer, Cornell will be represented in Aquavet I by Lillian Good ’99, Marc Kramer ’99, and Nancy Chapman ’97, and in Aquavet II by Cynthia Jennings ’98, Emily MacInnis ’97, and graduate students, Tiffany Spaulding and Marla Tort.

Pathology

Service Awards were presented to the following department employees. Congratulations!

Cindy Keeney, 20 years
Teena Smith, 20 years
Barbara Tefft, 5 years
Alexis Wenski-Roberts, 5 years

Physiology

Dr. Peter Nathanielsz was named by Merrill Presidential Scholar James Youn as the Cornell faculty member who had the greatest influence on his academic career. Youn, an undergraduate biology major, was one of 35 graduating seniors selected as Merrill Scholars, representing the top 5 percent of the Class of ’96.

The department presented service awards to the following staff in recognition of their effort and dedication to the department and Cornell University. Congratulations to:

Cherrill Wallen, 30 years
Helen Dormady, 25 years
Linda Phelps, 15 years
Laurie Warner, 10 years
Charles Mecenas, 5 years

Pharmacology

Dr. Richard Cerione has been awarded a Human Frontiers of Science grant by the trustees of the program ($570,000 for 3 years) to study the structure and function of Rho GTP-binding proteins. Dr. Cerione published a study in SCIENCE (March 8, 1996) with R. Mittal and J. Erickson that describes a novel G protein mutation that results in its constitutive activation.

In March, Dr. Cerione was invited by students in the Department of Biochemistry, Emory Medical School in Atlanta, Georgia, to speak on “New insights and more questions about a cell-division cycle protein involved in cell growth regulation.” In May, he presented a seminar at the HAMMES symposium titled “Mechanistic studies that turned up some interesting biology,” and a seminar in the Department of Pharmacology at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School titled “Cdc42—A GTP-binding protein that appears to be involved in everything.”

Dr. Clare Fewtrell participated in a meeting of directors of minority programs supported by the National Institute of General Medical Sciences. This meeting was held at the Natcher Conference Center on the NIH campus on March 18, 1996, and included topics related to successful recruitment strategies, identification of characteristics of strong applicants, and a panel discussion.

Greg Hoffman, a first year Biophysics graduate student in Dr. Richard Cerione’s laboratory, was awarded a National Science Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship.

Dr. Robert Oswald presented a seminar on behalf of the College and the Joy Goodwin Seminar Committee at Auburn University, Alabama College of Veterinary Medicine titled “Structure-function relationship of the glutamate receptor.” He also made a presentation to the students in the department of Physiology and Pharmacology at Auburn regarding the graduate program and postdoctoral opportunities in the Department of Pharmacology at Cornell. Earlier this month, Dr. Oswald presented a Biophysics Seminar, titled “Structure of Glutamate Receptors.”

Dr. Thomas Schermerhorn has been awarded a Research Assistantship under the NIH-sponsored Program for Veterinary Scientist/Scholars. This award will fund stipend, tuition, travel and training related expenses. Dr. Schermerhorn was a program speaker at the 1996 American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine Forum in San Antonio, Texas May 23-26.

Dr. Geoffrey W. G. Sharp presented the State of the Art Lecture, titled “Novel Pathways in B-cell Signaling,” on March 29, 1996, at the British Diabetic Association Medical and Scientific Section Spring Meeting at the University College Dublin, London.

Galen Wo received his Ph.D. April, 1996, and has accepted a postdoctoral position at Harvard Medical School.
ACCOLADES

Movers and Shakers

"Planning was superb."
"Execution was flawless."
"Cooperation and friendly team spirit was outstanding."

Dean Loew extends congratulations and thanks to everyone who helped occupy the Veterinary Medical Center.

"It is hard to imagine that any group of individuals could have been more successful in sharing and reaching a common goal. We set out to relocate to new facilities with minimal disruption and exceeded our own expectations for doing the job better than anyone else and perhaps even better than we anticipated. That is the ultimate tribute to all those who were directly involved in the move."

On behalf of all the departments involved in the move, a special note of appreciation is extended to College Move Coordinator Lori Barry and the Facilities Administration staff: Bill Anderson, Sonny Camobreco, Earl Hartman, Ken Potter, Kim Salino, and Frank Tibke.

Although everyone who moved deserves credit for their patience and cooperation, the Department Coordinators shouldered the major burden of organizing hundreds of details necessary to ensure that all would go smoothly — not only on the actual moving days, but also in the process of packing and resettling in the new facilities. Kudos and many thanks to:

Ann Bianchi, Pathology
Dave Frank, Wet Laboratory
Rod Getchell, Microbiology & Immunology
Gary Homer, Diagnostic Lab
Sharon Kenyon, VMTH
Marge McKinney, Pharmacology
Cheryl O'Konsky, VMTH
Amy Pellegrino, Pathology
Maureen Quatrararo, Clinical Sciences
Pat Underwood, Microbiology & Immunology

And, last but certainly not least, the moves could never have been completed so successfully without the efforts of those individuals who served as College Coordinators to make sure that everyone's furniture, telephones, computers, laboratory and other equipment were properly installed in the new space. Thanks to:

John Godfrey, Computing Services
Gwen Isham, Administration
Mark Malkin, Biomedical Electronics
Diane Sempler, CIT/Network Resources
Tom Shelley, Environmental Health
Mary Stauble, Computing Services
Larry Thompson, Bio Safety

Microbiology & Immunology

Technician Priscilla O'Connell organized a group from the department (Kathy Ernest-Koons, Katy Gay, Carrie Markowski, Tim Miller, and Gwen Troise) to participate in the March of Dimes "Walk America" in April. Volunteers also baked goodies for sale to benefit the cause. The bakers included: Beverly Bauman, Ruth Dutton, Kevin Fitch, Rod Getchell, Richelle Hemendinger, Mary Linton, Sue Proper, Priscilla O'Connell, and Melissa Rachlinski.

Pathology

Congratulations to Mark Jutton (Histology) for his winning entry, "T CAT" (Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit), the new official name of the area's transit system. Mark's entry was chosen from over 1500 submitted. As the contest winner, Mark will be Toronto-bound to see the Phantom of the Opera.

Pharmacology

The department's office staff, Debora Crane, Cathy Lee, Valerie Moore and Cindy Westmiller, were recognized for their dedication, superior support to the faculty and staff, and for all they do in and for the department. They are crucial to the operations of the department in many aspects including the unexpected. They were recognized with lunch, flowers and certificates.

Greg Mitchell and Blake Werner were recognized for all the work and long hours put toward the move of the Pharmacology Department to the Veterinary Medical Center. The details surrounding the move were at times overwhelming but, Blake and Greg kept afloat and the move went very smoothly. They were recognized with lunch and certificates.

The Pharmacology department had two guests on April 25th for "Bring your child to work day." They were Alicia and Krista Moore, daughters of Valerie Moore. The following paragraphs are written by Alicia and Krista about their day with Mom:

"At the office w/ my mom, I did lots of stuff. I did some filing, some copying, typing and other fun things. I had a lot of fun and hope to come back next year." — Alicia Moore, age 13

"My Day With Mom
I helped my mom with the pay checks. I helped sort the Mail, I posted the CU Stores bill on MUMPS. I made copies. I worked on the computer. I had a lot of fun. I can't wait to come back next year!" — Krista Moore, age 10

Physiology

Congratulations to Pauline Entin (Physiology) and Pam Mueller (Animal Science) on the merit awards they received for papers presented at the Experimental Biology meeting held April 14th in Washington D.C. Ms. Entin, who is a graduate student with Dr. David Robertshaw, received the Caroline tum Sudden Award for her paper. Ms. Mueller, who works with Dr. Robertshaw, received the Proctor & Gamble Award for best student paper.
New Babies

A boy, Simon Tore, born March 27, 1996, to Dr. Chris Davies (Baker Institute) and his wife, Carina Borsch.

A girl, Yasmeen Meryam, born April 3rd, 1996, to Dr. Malcolm Byrne, (Pharmacology) and his wife, Noni.

A girl, Krista Maria, born April 3, 1996, to Donna Monroe (Resource Management and Planning Group) and her husband, Jason.

A boy, Joseph Theodore, born April 6, 1996, to Cheryl O’Konsky (VMTH) and her husband, David.

A boy, Pieter Freddy, born April 7, 1996, to Dr. Peter Daels, (theriogenology, Clinical Sciences) and his wife, Irma.

A boy, Michael Jay, born April 15, 1996, to Dr. Jay Harvey (surgery, Clinical Sciences) and his wife, Dr. Christine Bellezza (gastrointestinal studies, Clinical Sciences).

A girl, Angela Renee, born May 26, 1996, to Renee Cornelius (Diagnostic Lab accounting) and her husband, Greg.

Daisy (Microbiology & Immunology) and Bob (VMTH) Wallace were blessed with their third grandchild, a boy, born on March 21.

Wedding Bells

Linda (Physiology) and William Phelps’s son Eric was married in May.

Daisy (Microbiology & Immunology) and Bob (VMTH) Wallace’s son Shawn was married on May 18.

Linda Alfreds (Continuing Education) will become Linda Alfreds-Schumacher when she marries George Schumacher on July 4.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Construction Continues...

Here’s a summary of what’s happening now and still in the works for coming months.

The Dean’s Office will relocate to the second floor of Schurman Hall in mid-June. Renovation of the former pathology teaching lab is almost complete.

During the summer, two bathrooms on the first floor of Schurman will be expanded to include student locker rooms.

Several rooms on the old “E-Wing” first floor of Schurman will be renovated this summer to create new and/or larger tutorial rooms. In addition, two spaces on the old “C-Wing” will be renovated for the relocated academies.

The preparation lab on the second floor of Schurman (across from the new Dean’s Office suite) will be renovated to become the new home of the Financial Aid and Registrar’s Office. That move is scheduled to take place later this summer.

Renovation of the third floor of Schurman Hall for other administrative offices is scheduled to begin this summer. Staff in the Resource Management and Planning Group, Public Affairs, Facilities Administration, Research Administration, the Feline Health Center, and Computing Services are slated to move into those spaces, although relocations will probably not begin until late this year.

Construction in the Centennial Room (at the west end of the Gallery) is continuing, and plans now call for the space to be completed and furnished later this summer. Information about reserving the room for meetings and special events will be distributed once an occupancy date is confirmed.

Have a great summer!
Rolling Bone will return in September.*

* Submit info. for the September issue to your Administrative Manager or to Beth Fontana (eaf3@cornell.edu) by Friday, August 30
CHILD CARE CENTER IS FAVORED

Members of the veterinary community overwhelmingly support the establishment of a child care center in the College. In response to a recent survey conducted by the College’s Child Care Feasibility Committee, over 700 surveys from faculty, staff and students were returned; 86% favored a child care center and believed it would benefit the whole community. Those favoring a center cited convenience, reduced stress for parents, and increased productivity and work time as the top three reasons for supporting a center. Five percent of community members were opposed to an onsite center. Their top three concerns were that parents should stay home with children, that child care is not an employer’s responsibility, and that children would disrupt college activities. Approximately 9% were unsure.

Of the more than 100 community members who have children under 5 years of age living with them, roughly 70% would consider enrolling their children in a College center. Quality of care, cost and hours that the facility was open would help determine whether these parents would actually enroll children if a child care center were available in the veterinary complex.

Among community members with children, more than 75% reported missing time from work to attend to child-related issues within the previous three months. Similarly, 74% of all respondents reported that they had experienced at least minor inconvenience when other employees had child care issues arise within the past year.

The survey was conducted by the Child Care Committee as part of its ongoing evaluation of the feasibility of a Child Care Center in the College. With Dean Loew’s support, several areas in the college are now being evaluated as potential Center sites. In the coming months, if a site(s) is identified, contact with New York state licensing officials, assessments of costs for remodeling, insurance, equipment, etc., will be made as the feasibility assessment proceeds. Many of those who volunteered to help in this process will be contacted in the near future.

"We'd like to thank everyone who returned a survey," said Jan Scarlett, committee member. "Your contribution was important in establishing the firm support in the community for a child care center." Other committee members representing students, staff and faculty are Don Schlafer, Sydney Moise, John Hermanson, John MacGregor and Joe Piekunka. Contact any of these individuals to discuss development of child care at the College.
United Way Campaign 1996

The United Way of Tompkins County marks 75 years in our community with the 1996 campaign theme "Reaching Those Who Need Help...Touching Us All."

"At Cornell University and at the College of Veterinary Medicine we strongly believe in the concept behind this theme," said Theresa Pollard, Department/Section of Physiology, CVM United Way deputy. "Simply stated, it reflects the importance of collaboration. Working together, we can deliver results to positively impact our community's vital needs. By running a United Way employee campaign we will help the people in need in our community."

This year the University Chairperson is Dean Franklin Loew. Assisting Theresa as CVM deputy is Dr. John Saidla, Director of Education.

Donna Green, Veterinary Computing, and Fred Rogers, senior vice-president of the university, are co-chairing the Livermore Society, a group of Cornellians who contribute generously to the United Way.

CVM's 1996 volunteers are:

- Margie Williams
- Pat Swartout
- Jeanne Truelson
- Donna Green
- Carolyn Merrick
- Helen Bell
- Steve Hopkins
- Jon Hughes
- Pat Underwood
- Daisy Wallace
- Dr. Brian Summers
- Marge McKinney
- Helen Dormady
- Sue Stein
- Vet Administration
- Anatomy
- Baker Institute
- Vet Computing/Biomed/Library
- Clinical Sciences/VMTH
- Diagnostic Lab
- Equine Drug Testing
- LAS/CRAR
- Pathology
- Pharmacology
- Physiology
- QMPS

Intros

Anatomy

Dr. Irma Revah joined the department as an Instructor on October 1.

Dr. Abraham Bezuidenhout from South Africa will be a Visiting Professor for one year beginning November 1.

Baker Institute

Dr. Barbara Butcher joined Judy Appleton's lab as a Research Associate.

Rina Gendelman joined George Lust's lab as Graduate Research Assistant.

Dr. Maria Viveiros is working in Doug Antczak's lab as Postdoctoral Associate.

Araceli Lucio-Zavaleta is working in Skip Carmichael's lab as a technician.

Biomedical Electronics

Walter Iddings rejoined B.E.S. as Equipment Technician on September 23. He replaces Donna Callais who accepted a position as a Computer Support Technician at Mann Library.

CRAR

In May, Gloria Zukowski joined the staff of the Center for Research Animal Resources as an Administrative Assistant. Gloria was employed at the ILR Press for 15 years prior to joining the CRAR.

Clinical Sciences

Dr. Angelyn Cornetta joined the department as a Lecturer in Small Animal Medicine and a Block
Support Specialist for a one-year appointment.

Dr. Noha Abou-Madi has been appointed as a Postdoctoral Associate in Wildlife and Exotic Animal Medicine working with Dr. George Kollias.

Dr. Heather Allore has been appointed as a Postdoctoral Fellow working with Dr. Hollis Erb.

Dr. Ayali Dalit-Strauss has been appointed Research Technician in Dr. Kenneth Simpson's research program.

Dr. Lorin Warnick (Ambulatory), Dr. Gregory Starrak (Radiology), and Dr. Anjilla Cooley (Surgery and Anesthesia), whose faculty appointments were announced in the last issue of this newsletter, all arrived on August 1.

**Diagnostic Lab**

Beth Peet joined the Comparative Coagulation section as a Laboratory Technician. Beth previously worked for the departments of Clinical Sciences and Physiology.

**Educational Development**

The Office of Educational Development (OED) welcomes two new staff members: Kent Francis assumed the position of Courseware Developer in May and, in late July, Jialing Huang began work as Courseware Programmer. Both of these positions support the development of computer-based teaching modules and related databases.

Dave Frank recently assumed the role of Manager of Classrooms and Teaching Laboratories.

**Lab Animal Services**

Belinda Gilbert was hired July 29 as a temporary Animal Technician at Equine Isolation.

Tim Slattery joined the Field Lab August 29 as an Animal Technician.

**Microbiology and Immunology**

Welcome to Dr. Theodore Clark who joined the department on September 1 as Assistant Professor of Parasitology and Immunology. Dr. Clark was an Associate Research Scientist at the University of Georgia and now lives in Ithaca with his wife, Susan, and two children.

Dr. Gary Whittaker will join the department as an Assistant Professor of Virology on November 1. He comes from Yale University where he was an Associate Research Scientist.

Carrie Markowski is a new Technician with Dr. Ton Schat.

New graduate students in the department are Tony Marshall (Immunology) with Dr. Denkers, Terri Bunn (Immunology) with Dr. Dietert, and Kerry O'Brien (Animal Breeding) with Dr. Bloom.

**Pathology**

The Pathology Department welcomes the following people to the department:

Dr. Reina Fuji, Dr. Evelyne Polack and Dr. Scott Trasti join the department as Residents.

Heinz Reiske joins the department as a graduate student in Dr. Guan's lab.

Dr. Martin Reist, from Switzerland, joins Dr. Pauli's Lab as a Visiting Fellow from September through November.

Dr. Kazuyuki Uchida, from Japan, will join the department for one year as a Visiting Fellow in the Resident Program in October.
Dr. Clive Huxtable, from Australia, joins the department from October through June as a Visiting Professor to assist in the Necropsy and Histopathology Services.

**Physiology**

Donna Stone joined the administrative office in July as Accounts Representative.

Lynn Buchwalder was hired in Dr. Peter Nathanielsz' lab as a Technician upon receiving her master's degree this summer.

Dr. Kathie Berghorn joined Dr. Nathanielsz' lab as a Research Associate this summer.
Hui Ling Li joined Dr. Roberson's lab as a Technician this fall.

Dr. Jean Tian joined Dr. Quaroni's lab this fall as a Research Associate after receiving her degree in May 1996.

Dr. Gordon Smith is a Visiting Fellow with Dr. Nathanielsz' group.

**Transitions**

**Anatomy**

Dr. Vicki Meyers-Wallen began a one-year sabbatic on September 1.

Dr. John Hermanson will begin a one-year sabbatic on January 1.

Dr. Rejean Lefebvre, graduate student in Dr. Susan Suarez' lab, successfully completed his Ph.D. in August and left the college to join a small animal practice in Montreal.

Administrative Assistant Jean Reed retired on September 3 after working for doctors Cummings and Noden for ten years.

Administrative Assistant Charlotte Williams left the College on September 25 to move with her husband, Ken, to North Carolina.

**Baker Institute**

Jessica Baker has started a master's degree in immunology in Doug Antczak's lab.

Dr. Maria Verdugo, who works with Jharna Ray, became a Research Associate in July.

Judith Mordue left on September 11, to accept a position with a law office in Elmira. Best wishes!

**Clinical Sciences**

Ms. Kimberly Snedden resigned her position as a Research Technician and has been reappointed as a Graduate Assistant to pursue an M.S. degree under Dr. Arleigh Reynolds.

Dr. John Ludders began a six-month sabbatic on September 1.

**Lab Animal Services**

Everyone wishes the best to Michael Chapman, Facilities Manager of Laboratory Animal Services, who chose early retirement. Mike came to LAS from Baker Institute and has been with the College of Veterinary Medicine approximately twenty years.

Norman Youngs is now acting as the department's Facility Manager and Allyn Vonderchek, Animal Care Supervisor, is in charge of the SAHF as well as Equine Isolation until the positions have been reorganized and refilled.

**Pathology**

Congratulations to Dr. Brian Summers on his promotion to Professor in the department.
Congratulations to Dr. Tracy Stokol who became as Assistant Professor in Clinical Pathology in July 1996.

Welcome back to Dr. Nena Winand who returned from the Dana Farber Institute in Boston where she completed a one-year externship.

Welcome back to Dr. Robert Lewis who returns from a three-month sabbatic at MIT in Boston.

**Milestones/Accolades**

**Baker Institute**

Congratulations to Dave Peters who passed his B exam on July 10.

**Clinical Sciences**

The following employees were guests of honor at a reception celebrating their Cornell Service Awards on September 10: Randy Dodge (10 years), Shirley Hatfield (10 years), Jill King (15 years) and Joyce Reyna (45 years).

Dr. Barry Ball was awarded the "Excellence in Equine Research Award" at this year's AVMA convention.

Dr. Peter Daels was awarded the Norden Distinguished Teacher Award for continued excellence in teaching.

Dr. Chuck Guard has been selected by the USDA as an outside evaluator of research proposals to the Small Business Innovation Research Program in Washington DC.

Dr. Pam Wilkins, a graduate student working with Dr. Hussni Mohammed, recently completed the requirements for a Ph.D.

Dr. Ann-Maija Virtala, a graduate student working with Dr. Yrjo Grohn, recently completed the requirements for a Ph.D.

Dr. Ricardo de la Rue-Domenech, a graduate student working with Dr. Hussni Mohammed, recently completed the requirements for a Ph.D.

**CRAR**

Dr. Larry Carbone has been elected for a two-year term to the executive board of the Society of Veterinary Medical Ethics.

**Lab Animal Services**

Congratulations to Kathy Mott and Freemont Waterman who successfully completed AALAS certification examinations (Laboratory Animal Technician, Assistant Lab Animal Technician).

**Microbiology and Immunology**

The department enjoyed its annual chicken barbeque and picnic on August 16 at the Cornell Recreation Community Park.

Dr. Rodney Dietert, who was selected to appear in the first edition of Who's Who in Medicine and Health Care (Marquis) to be published in 1997, had three graduate students finish this summer. Captain Thomas E. Miller, (M.S. May '96, Environmental Toxicology) is now stationed at Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio. Dr. Heesun Kwak (Ph.D., Aug. '96, Immunology) is a postdoctoral fellow in the Section of Comparative Medicine at Yale University School of Medicine; and Richard Ha (M.S., January '97, Immunology) will be working as a writer for "Bill Nye, the Science Guy." The children's show can be seen locally on PBS and the Fox channels.

Dr. Donna Muscarella, Research Associates presented the second in a series of educational programs on avian biology for bird clubs in New York State on August 10. The presentations were held at the Rochester Museum and Science Center and included lecturers, demonstrations and discussions for owners and breeders of
exotic birds, particularly parrots. Topics emphasized application of avian genetics to breeding programs with the goal of maintaining genetic diversity in captive-bred species.

On October 19, the "Wings of Wonder" exhibition will be hosted by the Greater Rochester Hookbill Association, also at the Rochester Museum. Dr. Muscarella and Ms. Linda Mudge, creator of T and R Parrot Education, a non-profit organization whose goal is to increase public understanding of parrot care and conservation, will host an educational exhibit at the show. Members of the Cornell Hookbill Association will also participate in the program, which will include information on parrot care, breeding, behavior, and conservation of wild parrots. Anyone interested in the program is encouraged to contact Donna Muscarella at 3-4047.

**Pathology**

Congratulations to Ms. Caroline Hebert who completed the year-long course entitled, "The Office Professional Program," given by Human Resources.

**Physiology**

Congratulations to the following who received their degrees this summer: Kristen Bigelow (Masters degree), Lynn Buchwalder (Masters degree), Weiping Han (Ph.D.), Jean Tian (Ph.D.).

**Research**

Congratulations to Ann Prince Rivkin for 30 years of dedicated service to Cornell. Our hats are off to you, Ann!

**News to use**

**Biomedical Electronics**

Biomedical Electronics Service, the Service Center for Gibco/Life Technology products in T7021 Veterinary Research Tower, will be adding a new service, CUSTOM PRIMERs, to their already extensive line of Gibco products. Stop by and check out the ongoing promotions, one through October 31 and the other through November 30.

**Clinical Sciences**

*Correction to May '96 Rolling Bone: The "many thanks" offered to department move coordinators overlooked Debra Milliman, cocordinator for the Department of Clinical Sciences. In fact, Clinical Sciences' couldn't have pulled it off without her hard work and exceptional spirit!*

**Diagnostic Lab**

The Diagnostic Lab's Comparative Hematology Section has a new name, "Comparative Coagulation Section," to better state the lab's specialty of comprehensive research and testing to aid in the diagnosis of blood coagulation disorders in all animal species. Clinicians are encouraged to contact the laboratory to discuss specific cases or for suggestions on additional tests, services or special studies that are needed to help better manage patients having hemostatic and thrombotic disorders.

**Pathology**

The Pathology Department recently consolidated the Necropsy Service Office and the Histopathology Service Office. GG Cargian, Cindy Keeney and Eileen Strickland are now all located in S2 121 of Schuman Hall. The telephone numbers remain the same: Necropsy 3-3319, Histopathology 3-3312, fax number 3-3357.

The department is now on the WEB. Look for us at http://web.vet.cornell.edu/Pathol/pathol.htm. Many thanks to Caroline Hebert for her efforts in creating and maintaining this site.
QMPS

Dr. Dave Wilson of the Quality Milk Promotion Services spoke at the University of Suwon and at the Korean Association for Buiatrics in Seoul, South Korea. He presented on therapy decisions in mastitis; segregation for Staphylococcus aureus-infected dairy cows; management practices and herd characteristics on bulk tank milk SCC; and financial effects of Mycobacterium paratuberculosis in dairy herd.

Dr. Ruben Gonzalez of the Quality Milk Promotion Services spoke at the regional meeting of the National Mastitis Council held in Queretaro, Mexico, where he presented "Mycoplasma mastitis in dairy cattle: if ignored, it can be a costly drain on the milk producer." He also gave a series of presentations in Torreon, Mexico, sponsored by Intervet Mexico, for veterinarians, dairy farmers, and milk inspectors on mycoplasmal bovine mastitis.

Drs. Ruben Gonzalez, Ariel Rivas, and Dave Wilson spoke at the World Association for Buiatrics meeting in Edinburgh, Scotland. They presented a trial of an Escherichia coli J5 bacterin and the ribotyping-based assessment of coliform bacteria diversity on a dairy farm; ribotyping-based assessment of Streptococcus agalactiae and Staphylococcus aureus diversity in dairy herds; and use of separate milking units for cows infected with Staphylococcus aureus somatic cell counts.

Weddings

Anatomy

Sarah and Casey Crane married on August 3.

Clinical Sciences

Lisa Mitchell and Gary Thornson were married on June 22.

Diagnostic Lab

Veterinary Technician Mary Spellane, Comparative Coagulation, will marry Dr. A. Scott Newman (DVM Cornell '95) next August.

Microbiology and Immunology

Roger Avery (Chair) and Barbara Kneen were married in Ithaca on May 18. Barbara also works for the College of Human Ecology. Eric Denkers (Assistant Professor) and Barbara Butcher (Research Associate at Baker Institute) were married in New Mexico on July 10.

Babies

Biomedical Electronics

Iva Heim became a grandmother for the first time. Her grandson, Liam Ernest Bush George was born June 14.

Clinical Sciences

Betsy Wilcox welcomed her eleventh grandchild on July 26: Casey Wilcox, son of Bill and Missy Wilcox.

Lab Animal Services

Lary Carlisle, LAS Animal Care Technician, and his wife, Valerie, are proud parents of daughter Kalsie Rae Carlisle, born May 8.

Microbiology and Immunology

Congratulations to Kevin and Cherie Fitch on the birth of their first child, Joel Michael, on May 17, 1996, weighing in at 8 lbs. 6 oz. and 21" long at Cortland Memorial Hospital. Kevin is a Technician in the department.

Physiology

Congratulations to Weiping Han and his wife on the birth of their daughter on July 5, 1996.
Obituary

Dr. Dorsey W. Bruner, Emeritus Professor and former chair of the Microbiology and Immunology Department, died on September 1 at the Cayuga Medical Center. He was a world renown bacteriologist and the co-author of "Infectious Diseases of Domestic Animals."
Restructuring college administration

From Dean Loew:

- For a number of months I reviewed proposals for an overall realignment of departments within the College. After much discussion and input from department leaders, individual faculty and staff, and the Provost's and other university offices, I put forth a plan with July 1, 1997, as the initial implementation date. I hope that most of you already reviewed my recent memorandum to faculty and staff with some of the highlights of this plan which may be modified a little.

- The Department of Clinical Sciences will be led by a chair who will also carry the newly-created title of Associate Dean for Clinical and Diagnostic Affairs. He or she will be assisted by three vice-chairs (searches to be conducted), each of the first two of whom will also carry the title of hospital director: Companion Animals; Equine and Farm Animals; and the Diagnostic Laboratory.

- The current departments of anatomy, physiology, and pharmacology will become a single departmental entity, the name of which will be determined by the new department itself.

- The Department of Microbiology and Immunology as well as the Department of Pathology will remain essentially as they are now.

To facilitate the transition, I will appoint “transition teams” to include staff and faculty representatives to work with me in implementing these changes. The primary objectives of this plan are to re-align departments by academic, research, service, and administrative function, thereby positioning the college to overcome continuing budgetary restrictions, to best sustain and improve the quality of our programs for the future, and to provide enhanced opportunities for staff and faculty growth and professional development, and increased efficiency in the day-to-day running of the college. Needless to say, not everyone is pleased with the plan, and I may change certain aspects if I am persuaded the change adds value.

- I will keep you informed of further developments. In the meantime encourage you to feel free to discuss the proposed changes with your department chair or administrative supervisor.

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Oops! Wrong name

We reported in the last issue of Rolling Bone that the name of the sculpture newly placed near the entrance of the Medical Center was “Sacred Vessel,” as told to us by the artist, Jeff Burch. The day after Rolling Bone was distributed, we received a phone call from the much-embarrassed Mr. Burch, who said the piece was in fact “Bare Bones,” not “Sacred Vessel.” As word got around about the correct name, many members of the CVM community agreed “Bare Bones” was a better name for the piece!

Moves

Department of Pathology administrative offices have moved. Ann Bianchi, Nadine Patterson, Dr. Bendicht Pauli and Amy Pellegrino are located in Veterinary Research Tower T4 016. Caroline Hebert (3-3611) is located in the Veterinary Medical Center C4 157 Veterinary Medical Center.

Facilities will relocate Dec. 20 to the third floor of Schurman S3110.

Resource Management and Planning offices relocated to Schurman Hall S3001- S3010.

The VMTH director’s office relocated to the Veterinary Medical Center C2-289.

NEWS

Anatomy

WELCOME

Dr. Sabine Breit, visiting professor from Austria through March 1997, assisting Dr. Linda Mizer

Kate Huber, administrative assistant, Oct. 3

Linda Pope, administrative assistant, Oct. 10
Dr. Sharon Center was promoted to professor of medicine.

Dr. Peter Daels was promoted to associate professor.

Molly Fagnan, technician, left in October to begin veterinary studies at the University of Glasgow.

Colleen McClennahan, financial specialist, transferred to the College of Engineering in October to become the administrative manager for the Department of Chemical Engineering.

Maureen Quartararo, administrative assistant, will leave the college on Dec. 5 to become the finance manager for the Division of Nutritional Sciences.

Dr. Victor Rendano, associate professor of radiology, will retire on Dec. 31.

ACCOLADES

Dr. Yrjo Grohn will begin a three-year term on the American Journal of Veterinary Research Board of Scientific Reviewers in January 1997.

BABIES

Debbie Milliman, administrative aide, a grandson, Logan, Oct. 30

Diagnostic Lab

MILESTONES

Dr. Donald H. Lein was awarded the NYSVMS Outstanding Service Award “in recognition of outstanding contributions to the advancement and improvement of veterinary medicine in New York State.”

Dr. Thomas J. Reimers has been appointed director of research and development services.

Microbiology and Immunology

WELCOME

Dr. Theodore G. Clark, assistant professor of parasitology and immunology, will spend his first year researching molecular approaches toward the control of ichthyophthirius, a commercially important pathogen of freshwater fish. He spent the last three years as an associate research scientist at the University of Georgia, Department of Medical Microbiology, College of Veterinary Medicine, where in addition to his work on ichthyophthirius, he directed the Summer Program in Molecular Biology for Veterinary Researchers sponsored by the Department of Continuing Education.

Dr. Gary R. Whittaker, assistant professor of virology, will spend his first year researching the mechanisms of nuclear transport in influenza virus infected cells. For the last four years Gary was a post-doctoral fellow and subsequently an associate research scientist at Yale University School of Medicine, Department of Cell Biology.

Pathology

WELCOME

Bonnie Lamkin, temporary administrative assistant (room T4 020)

Francis Trasti, research technician, Dr. Gaun’s laboratory

MILESTONES

Dr. Chris Mescher received board certification in the American College of Veterinary Pathologists (Clinical Pathology).
Pharmacology

WELCOME

Dr. H. Alex Brown, assistant professor, from Southwestern Medical Center, University of Texas.

Carolyn Combs, technician, joined Dr. Cerione's group

Nicolas Nassar, research associate in Dr. Cerione's group, from the Max-Planck-Institute for Molekulare Physiology, Dortmund

Li Niu, research associate, Dr. Oswald's group

Karen Thomas, technician, Dr. Brown's group

TRANSITIONS

Dr. Daniel Gamett, research associate for Dr. Cerione, accepted a research position at the SUNY Health Sciences Center in Syracuse.

Dr. Geoffrey W. G. Sharp is spending a sabbatical leave at the Sheffield University, United Kingdom, doing collaborative research with Professor Mark Dunne.

ACCOLADES

The faculty have been heavily involved over the past month in numerous invited talks, reviewing grant proposals for NIH and NSF, as well as being members of the study sections for these two funding agencies and site visit teams.

Physiology

WELCOME

Mohammed Akhtar Anwar, postdoctoral fellow, Dr. Peter Nathanielsz’ group

Seiiji Kito, postdoctoral fellow joined Dr. Joanne Fortune's group

Norio Shinozuka, visiting fellow, Dr. Nathanielsz’ group, from the University of Tokyo for a two-year fellowship

Joel Tabb, research associate, Dr. Fortune’s group

Jennifer Tame, animal technician, Dr. Nathanielsz’ group

New graduate students in the department are Hao Chen, Misung Jo and Tong Zhang.

ACCOLADES

Linda Paciorretty, postdoctoral fellow with Dr. Robert Gillmore, recently won the Gordon K. Moe Young Investigator Award for the best presentation at the annual meeting of the Upstate New York Cardiac Electrophysiology Society. The society consists of about 100 experimental and clinical cardiologists from upstate New York.

TRANSITIONS

Dr. Dino Giussani accepted a lecturer position at the University of Cambridge.

QMPS

ACCOLADES

Linda Conrad, accounting assistant, recently celebrated 25 years of service to Cornell.

Ruben N. Gonzalez, senior research associate, has been elected for a two-year term as chairman of the Mastitis Research Workers Conference. He
has also been elected for a three-year term to the research and milk monitoring committees of the National Mastitis Council.

Jerome Randles, a 1996 graduate of the Department of Animal Science at Cornell University, accepted a position at the Potsdam Regional Laboratory as an extension aide.

Student News

Paul Virklæ, class of '98, was chosen to represent Cornell University in the Pfizer Animal Health Student Representative Program this year. Virklæ is one of 31 third-year veterinary students from each of the veterinary college campuses in the United States and Canada.

VMTH WELCOME

Lucinda Bennett, veterinary technician, ICU, Companion Animal Hospital

Julie Bosma, ambulatory resident

Dr. Phillippe Briansceau, visitor, Radiology, from Spain

Grace Brooks, clinic aide, animal care, Equine and Farm Animal Hospital

Shaun Cobb, pharmacist

Todd Deppe, small animal surgery resident

Timothy Fan, small animal surgery resident

Maria Glowaski, anaesthesiology resident

Laurie Goodrich, large animal surgery senior resident

Dr. Jose Jaber, visitor, dermatology and radiology, from Spain

Gillian Perkins, large animal medicine resident

Catherine Reese, small animal surgery resident

Gillian Taylor, ambulatory resident

Dr. Regina Wagner, visitor, dermatology, from Austria

Allison Worster, large animal surgery resident

Dr. Young-Jim Yan, visitor, large animal medicine and surgery, from Korea

TRANSITIONS

Wendy English, formerly phone attendant, Companion Animal Hospital, is now patient coordinator, Companion Animal Hospital.

Lisa Ruuspakka, formerly patient coordinator, Companion Animal Hospital, is now admissions supervisor, Equine and Farm Animal Hospital.

WEDDINGS/ANNIVERSARIES

Judy Chapman, veterinary technician, Equine Hospital, married Gary Urban on July 27.

Renea McNeil, veterinary technician, radiology, and her husband, Chuck, celebrated their first anniversary on Oct. 21.
**Obituary**

**John F. Cummings** DVM ‘62, MS ‘63, PhD ‘64, Department of Anatomy, died unexpectedly on Nov. 3. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the Cornell University College of Agriculture in 1958. Dr. Cummings received his DVM in 1962, MS in anatomy in 1963, and PhD in anatomy in 1966, each from the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Cummings served two years in the Veterinary Corps of the US Army at the Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington, DC. He returned to the college as assistant professor of anatomy in 1967 and was promoted to professor in 1977. In 1995, in recognition of the esteem with which he was held by his colleagues for his distinguished career in comparative neurology and neuropathology, Dr. Cummings was awarded the endowed title as James Law Professor of Anatomy, the college’s highest faculty honor. The same year, he was again honored by being elected as Secretary of the Faculty, a position he held until his death.

Dean Loew said, “John Cummings was a Ph.D. student in veterinary anatomy when I was a first-year DVM student in 1961, and for the past thirty-five years, it was my pleasure to have known John. His having been taken from us so soon leaves a great sadness in our College, and a huge gap in our teaching and research programs. As the elected Secretary of the College, his affection for, and loyalty to, Cornell University and its students, staff, and fellow faculty members was abiding. We are, to use John Donne’s word, diminished by his death.”