Cornell University Provost Don Randel recently appointed Donald F. Smith as acting dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, effective Feb. 1, while a search is conducted for a successor to Dean Franklin Loew, who leaves the College Jan. 31 to become president and chief executive officer of Medical Foods, Inc. in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

ASSOCIATE DEAN DONALD SMITH NAMED ACTING DEAN

Smith, a professor of surgery, has served as the College’s associate dean for academic programs since 1990. He holds a DVM (1974) from the University of Guelph in Ontario, Canada. He served as assistant professor of surgery at Cornell from 1977 to 1982; he served as a faculty member and chair of the department of surgical sciences at the University of Wisconsin–Madison School of Veterinary Medicine until his return to Cornell in 1987, as professor and chair of the department of clinical services. In his capacity as associate dean, he provided administrative support to the faculty involved in the development and implementation of the new academic program for the veterinary college. He is an elected member of the National Academy of Practices and a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons.

Franklin M. Loew, DVM ’65, PhD, the eighth dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, announced in December 1996 his resignation from the College, to head Medical Foods, Inc., a company that researches and develops food products for people with chronic diseases. Loew, who also earned his bachelor’s degree at Cornell in 1961, became dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine in September 1995. He has a PhD in nutrition from Canada’s University of Saskatchewan, where he helped developed canola oil for the consumer market. He returned to Cornell as dean from Tufts University, where he had been dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine since 1982. Prior to that, he was director of comparative medicine at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. He is an elected member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences and is well-known for his research and commentary on animals and their role in society. While at Cornell, Loew presided over the dedication of the College’s new Veterinary Medical Center in June 1996.

During Dean Loew’s tenure, the College offered a new undergraduate course on the health and environmental effects of toxic substances, a first for Cornell and one of the few offered at any American university.

A search process for a new dean is underway. Provost Randel has recruited a search committee and has asked the veterinary faculty for suggested deanship candidates, both from within and outside the College, for consideration by the committee.

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Anatomy

Accolades

Dr. Howard Evans hosted 50 Cornell freshmen biology students who signed up for a hands-on experience as part of “Explorations in Biology” billed as the “Chicken and the Egg,” see for yourself where they come from!

Dr. Evans attended the 20th reunion of the aquavet program at Woods Hole, Massachusetts, in November. He has taught during the first week since the program was begun by former Dean Edward Melby and former Associate Dean Charles Rickard of Cornell’s College of Veterinary Medicine, along with former Dean Robert Marshak and former Associate Dean Donald Abt of the University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School. The first three years were funded by the New York State Sea Grant Program. About 350 veterinary students from all over the world have taken the course. Dr. Paul Bowser is now the assistant director of the program.

Linda Pope’s husband, Stephen, won an Excellence in Teaching Award from the aeronautics and mechanical engineering department in November. Linda is administrative assistant in the department of anatomy.

Transitions

Kate Huber, administrative assistant III, effective Dec. 5

Donna Kwan, technician in Dr. Farnum’s lab, left the department of anatomy to become office systems specialist in the controller’s office on Jan. 9.

Sjaan le Roux from Montegue, South Africa, widow of the former chairman of anatomy and dean at Onderstepoort, Republic of South Africa, recently visited the department of anatomy on her way home from a philatelic dealers exhibition in Chicago. She also visited with her friends, Braam and Hannie Bezuidenhout, who are on leave from Onderstepoort.

Baker Institute

Accolades

Dr. Gustavo Aguirre, Alfred H. Caspar Professor of Ophthalmology, has been selected as one of three recipients of an American Kennel Club Excellence in Canine Research Award from the American Veterinary Medical Foundation. The award will be presented at the 1997 meeting of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine, in Orlando, Florida, in May 1997.

Babies

Paul Lutwak and Kathy Zahler’s daughter, Olivia Cecile Lutwak, was born on November 1, 1996, weighing 9 lbs., 7 oz.

Welcome

Chih-Tung Chen, postdoctoral associate, assisting in Dr. George Lust’s lab

Laurie Lychalk, office assistant, as of November

Clinical Sciences

Accolades

Congratulations to the following faculty members who received awards from the Harry M. Zweig Memorial Fund for Equine Research Committee for 1997:

Dr. Thomas Divers and Dr. Hussni Mohammed for their proposals entitled “A Special Cornell Conference-Workshop on the Neurological and Behavioral Disorders of the Horse” and “EPM: Isolation of S. Falcataula, PCR for Sporocysts, and Immunization of Horses,” and Dr. Alan Nixon for his proposal entitled “Growth Factor Gene Expression Patterns in the Repair of Equine Articular Defects.”

Dr. Rory Todhunter was recently appointed as a member of the graduate faculty in the field of veterinary medicine.
Transitions

Debra Milliman has assumed the administrative manager position in the department.

Maureen Quarteraro, former administrative manager, left the College in December 1996 to become finance manager for the Division of Nutritional Sciences at Cornell.

Diagnostic Laboratory

Accolades

Dr. Yung-Fu Chang, diagnostic laboratory, has been promoted to associate professor with tenure, effective Nov. 1, 1996.

Dr. Thomas Reimers, professor of endocrinology, has been appointed director of research and development services for the College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Reimer’s new responsibilities include seeking opportunities for contract research and for providing professional services to biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries. He also will continue to direct the endocrinology laboratory. This year Dr. Reimers also serves as chairman of the Division of Animal Clinical Chemistry of the American Association for Clinical Chemistry.

Dr. Barbara Schanbacher has been appointed research associate II in the endocrinology laboratory. Dr. Schanbacher has been affiliated with the lab in various capacities since 1987. She graduated from the College of Veterinary Medicine in 1993. She was a large animal practitioner in the New York southern tier and northern Pennsylvania. She continues to practice large animal (primarily equine) medicine for several local clients, at area horse shows, and on the family horse farm. Dr. Schanbacher provides large animal endocrinology consultations for the laboratory.

Welcome

Dr. David E. Lee has joined the endocrinology laboratory as an instructor. Dr. Lee graduated from the College of Veterinary Medicine in 1994, where he also did his graduate research in reproductive endocrinology. He was a small animal practitioner in Portland, Maine, before returning to academia. He now provides small animal endocrinology consultations for practitioners using the services of the endocrinology laboratory, in addition to his role as an instructor for blocks I, III, and IV. He is also involved in developing software for lab automation and management and for educational purposes within the veterinary curriculum.

Microbiology & Immunology

Accolades

Ying Fan, Joel Baines’ student, passed her master’s exam on Jan. 7. Lori LaPierre, Jim Casey’s student, passed her “A” exam in November.

Dr. Donna Muscarella, in Steve Bloom’s lab, was promoted to to senior research associate in January.

Priscilla O’Connor was recently promoted to research support specialist in Ton Schat’s lab. Belated congrats to Melissa Rachlinksi in Steve Bloom’s lab and Greg Wooster in Paul Bowser’s lab who also were promoted to research support specialist during this past year.

Babies

Ruth Dutton had her first grandson, Sammy Savion Meminger, born on Jan. 4, 7 lbs., 15 oz. in Los Angeles, California.

Hua Zhu, a technician in Ton Schat’s lab, had a baby girl, Julie, on Dec. 11.

Transitions

Dr. Dwight Bowman will be on a six-month sabbatic beginning in January.

Gordell Geissinger, technician, retired in October.

Dr. Fred Scott retired December.

The department bids a fond farewell to three from Dr. Avery’s lab: Dr. Peggy Barr, senior research associate, left in November to take a position with Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, California. Fan Long passed her master’s exam on Oct. 2 and is now a
research associate with Scriptgen Pharmaceuticals in Medford, Massachusetts, and Lily Zou successfully defended her PhD thesis on Oct. 8 and is now a postdoctoral candidate with Leukosite, Inc. in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

**Beth Sabin**, Ed Pearce’s student, successfully defended her PhD thesis on Jan. 6 and will be leaving to join the basic immunology group at Heska Corporation in Ft. Collins, Colorado, as a research scientist.

**Welcome**

The department welcomes three new people to the fifth floor of the Veterinary Medical Center:

**Lhney Lewis** is a new technician in Ed Pearce’s lab. Lhney (pronounced “Lenny”) is from Freeville and is a Cornell ’96 graduate.

**Dr. Claudia Sutton** joined Roger Avery’s lab on Jan. 16 as a research associate. She comes to us from the department of genetics and development.

**Karen Wallace**, who has been working in Dwight Bowman’s lab since May as a technician, is now officially on board. She’s a Cornell ’96 graduate and is from the Boston area.

**Office of Public Affairs**

**Babies**

**Alison Smith**, associate director of development, had a baby girl Sarah, born December 28, 1996, 7 lbs., 14 oz.

**Transitions**

**Vickie Gilbert** left public affairs on Dec. 24, 1996 to move to Long Island.

**Welcome**

**Nancy Gehres**, administrative assistant

**Roberta Militello**, World Wide Web site editor

**Eric Rosario**, director of development

**Jeri Wall**, communications manager

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**Physiology**

**Accolades**

Dr. Peter Nathanielsz has been made the 1997 Honorary Member of the Society of Perinatal Obstetricians. This is the leading research society of practicing obstetricians in the United States. Dr. Nathanielsz also has been asked to give the 1997 Liley lecture of the Perinatal Research Society. The lecture is named after Sir William Liley who performed the first intravenous transfusion for fetal rhesus blood disease in human fetus.

**Transitions**

We would like to wish a farewell to the following individuals and wish them well in the future:

**Marie Brindak**

**Fran Davis**

**Dr. Curtis Fullmer**

**Dr. Tom Pannabecker**

**Dr. Dan Tapper**

Dr. Majid Mirmiran has returned to work in Dr. Peter Nathanielsz’ group for three months.

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Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital

Accolades

**Barb Chapman**, technician in radiology, recently passed the Computerized Tomography Registry of the American Association of Radiologic Technicians.

**Andrea Lawrence**, Intensive Care Unit supervisor, has submitted the first of four articles which will be published in the February issue of the *Veterinary Technician Journal*.

**Dr. Gregory Starrak**, instructor in radiology, recently passed his board exams for certification by the American College of Veterinary Radiology.

Weddings

**Marilyn DeLorenzo**, administrative assistant in radiology, has announced her engagement to Claude W. Marion. The wedding is scheduled for Sept. 6, 1997.

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Two premier lectures will be presented in April at Cornell’s College of Veterinary Medicine by Calvin W. Schwabe, DSc, MPH, DVM, MS, a world-renowned expert in the relationships of veterinary medicine and human health, and emeritus professor of epidemiology at the University of California, Davis, and the University of California, San Francisco.

**CALVIN SCHWABE TO GIVE POPPENSIEK LECTURES**

The public lectures will be offered as part of Dr. Schwabe’s appointment as Cornell’s 1996–97 George C. Poppensiek Visiting Professor in International Veterinary Medicine.

His main lecture, entitled “Meeting Development Needs of Pastoral Peoples,” is scheduled for Thursday, April 24, from 4 to 5 pm in lecture hall I at the College of Veterinary Medicine. The talk, patterned on *Development Among Africa’s Migratory Pastoralists*, a book that Schwabe recently published with colleague Dr. Aggrey Majok, will emphasize the uniquely central veterinary roles in overall pastoral development.

Dr. Schwabe also will present a second lecture on the topic of Egyptian medicine, titled “Bull Sacrifice: Beginnings of Comparative Medicine in Ancient Egypt,” on Friday, April 25, from noon to 1 pm in lecture hall II at the College.

The objective of the Poppensiek Professorship—named for George C. Poppensiek, a dean emeritus of the College and current James Law Professor of Comparative Medicine—is to provide an international dimension to the experience of the Cornell veterinary community, according to Dr. Gordon Campbell, director of international programs and professor of microbiology at the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Schwabe holds a Doctor of Science in parasitology and tropical public health from Harvard University, a Master of Public Health in tropical public health from Harvard, a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Auburn (Alabama) University’s College of Veterinary Medicine, and a Master of Science in zoology from the University of Hawaii.

His career, which spans the last 50 years, is filled with significant accomplishments—he has served as a faculty member and principal lecturer at major universities; he has served as a consultant and committee advisor for such organizations as the World Health Organization, the National Institutes of Health, the National Research Council, the Environmental Programme of the United Nations, the United Nations’ International Children’s Fund, the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations, the Pan-American Health Organization, and numerous government bodies around the world; he has published ten books and hundreds of articles on issues relevant to veterinary medicine and human health; and he has dedicated himself to developing and implementing many community service initiatives.

The Poppensiek lectures are free of charge and open to the public.
Anatomy

Accolades

Dr. Robert E. Habel, emeritus professor of veterinary anatomy, recently received an Outstanding Service Award from the New York State Veterinary Medical Society. Habel holds a DVM ('41) and MSc ('47) from Ohio State University and an MVD ('56) from the State University of Utrecht, The Netherlands. Following service in the Army Veterinary Corps, 1943–1946, he was an instructor in gross, microscopic, and developmental veterinary anatomy at Ohio State.

Habel came to Cornell as an assistant professor in 1947 to initiate a course in applied veterinary anatomy, which he continued to teach until retirement in 1978. He also taught first-year anatomy, wrote textbooks for applied anatomy and ruminant anatomy, and collaborated in the translation of a textbook of veterinary histology. In 1960 he succeeded in transferring the veterinary histology and embryology courses from the zoology department to the veterinary anatomy department, where he served as department chair from 1960 to 1976.

Habel is chairman of the subcommittee on splanchnology of the International Committee on Veterinary Gross Anatomy, and a past president of the American and World Associations of Veterinary Anatomists. His research, supported by the National Institutes of Health, has been concerned with problems of clinical ruminant anatomy and comparative anatomy related to nomenclature.

Transitions

Dr. Darrell Evans, postdoctoral associate in Dr. Drew Noden’s lab has accepted a lectureship (equivalent to an assistant professorship) in anatomy at the University of Wales, Cardiff. He will be leaving Cornell to return to the United Kingdom in late July.

Margaret Lo, technician in Dr. Suarez’s lab, will leave Cornell in June to begin medical school at George Washington University this fall.

Dr. Irma Revah, instructor, will be moving to Utrecht University, The Netherlands, in April. She will be working there on a collaborative project with Dr. Suarez, and Drs. Collenbrander and Gadella (Utrecht), to characterize the binding site for bovine sperm on the oviductal epithelium.

Welcomes

Sue Corbin, administrative assistant, February 6

Dr. Diane Kelly, postdoctoral fellow in Dr. John Bertram’s lab, February 3

Michele Marut, administrative assistant, February 20

Dr. Dagmar Waberski, visiting for three months from the Veterinary School in Hannover, Germany, working in Dr. Susan Suarez’s lab, investigating the nature of the oviductal sperm reservoir in pigs.

Baker Institute

Welcomes

Aaron Bouchie, temporary technician in Dr. Jharna Ray’s lab

Ary Correa, postdoctoral associate in Dr. Judy Appleton’s lab

Laura Moore and Michael Wright are helping out on a temporary basis in our glassware facility while Jean Sorge recovers from injuries sustained in a car accident.

Yulgene Suh, temporary technician in Dr. Gus Aguirre’s lab

Sarah Temaner, postdoctoral associate in Dr. Doug Antczak’s lab
Clinical Sciences

Accolades

Dr. Thomas Divers has been promoted to professor of medicine and also has become a member of the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care.

Dr. Richard Hackett has been promoted to professor of surgery.

Dr. Francis Kalfelz has been named a James Law Professor of Medicine.

Babies

Hussni and Dora Mohammed, had a baby boy, Amir, on February 13. Congratulations!

Transitions

Dr. Barry Ball left the College in January 1997 to accept the Hughes Chair in Equine Reproduction at the University of California, Davis.

Dr. Peter Daels began his sabbatical leave in March.

Dr. Ina Dobrinski, a graduate student who finished her PhD, left the College to accept a position at the University of Pennsylvania.

Nancy Gift, research support specialist I for Dr. Scarlett, transferred to Cornell’s College of Agriculture and Life Sciences in January.

Dr. Nita Irby has been appointed director of student services, an appointment which runs through August 1998.

Mark Riccio, research support specialist II for Dr. Sydney Moise, transferred to the physiology department in December 1996.

Dr. Pamela Wilkins began a leave of absence in March, to accept a position at the University of Pennsylvania.

Welcomes

Dr. Curtis Fullmer, senior research associate II from the physiology department, began an appointment with Dr. Bud Tennant in January.

Dr. John Ludders returned from sabbatical leave on April 1.

Dr. Janet Scarlett, associate professor of epidemiology, resigned from her position as associate dean of student services and returned to the clinical sciences department on a full-time basis on February 15.

Dr. Christine Schweizer began a one-year appointment as lecturer in theriogenology in March.

Diagnostic Lab

Accolades

Dr. Donald Lein, director of the College’s diagnostic laboratory, recently was presented the President’s Appreciation Award by Woody Adams, president of the New York Beef Cattlemen’s Association (NYBCA). “The NYBCA extends a special thank you to Dr. Lein,” said Adams. “We appreciate the expertise that he provides the beef industry in New York State.”

Dr. Lein is active in the association, providing animal health advice or services whenever needed. He has been an integral part of the NYBCA Health Managed Feeder Calf Sale as well as its Beef Quality Assurance Program. He keeps producers up-to-date with research, new products and procedures; he responds to each individual need for information; and he promotes research into such areas as E. coli, which are key to the beef industry.

Welcomes

Amy Antosh, medical technician I, parasitology
Lisa Spagnoletti, medical technician I, parasitology
Karin Weber, postdoctoral fellow from Germany
Human Resources

Accolades

The University recently recognized the following employees at the College of Veterinary Medicine for their dedicated service. Congratulations to all!

20 years
Kate Earle
Gwen Isham
Mary Stauble

15 years
John Godfrey
Lynne Lehman

10 years
Laura Barry
Tom Pepe

5 years
Donna Monroe

Laboratory Animal Services

Welcomes

Kiersten Swartz, accounts representative
Becky VanGorder, animal technician

Microbiology + Immunology

Accolades

Dr. Richelle Hemendinger, postdoctoral associate with Dr. Steve Bloom, has received a competitive postdoctoral grant from the United States Department of Agriculture/National Research Institute.

Dr. Edward Pearce was awarded tenure as an associate professor of parasitology in January.

Dr. Elizabeth Sabin, recent PhD graduate who worked with Dr. Ed Pearce, is this year’s winner of the manuscript competition sponsored by the Alpha Chapter of Phi Zeta. Her manuscript was entitled “Schistosoma mansoni Egg-induced Early IL-4 Production is Dependent upon IL-5 and Eosinophils.” This is the second year in a row that Beth was the Alpha Chapter’s winner. She won the National Phi Zeta Manuscript Award in 1996 for her manuscript “Early IL-4 Production by Non-CD4+ Cells at the Site of Antigen Deposition Predicts the Development of a T Helper 2 Cell Response to Schistosoma mansoni Eggs.” Phi Zeta is the Honor Society of Veterinary Medicine, and the Alpha Chapter at Cornell’s College of Veterinary Medicine is the oldest chapter in the United States.

Naomi Taus, a graduate student with Dr. Joel Baines, has been awarded a National Research Service Award fellowship from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences.

Babies

Don Woodin became a grandfather for the fourth time with the birth of Maxwell Andersen, his first grandson (7 lbs, 15 oz), on February 16.

Congratulations to Greg Wooster and Pam Williams on the birth of their first child, Adrienne Lee (8 lbs, 21”), on January 11.

Events

The department is participating in the March of Dimes Walk America. Priscilla O’Connor is in charge of coordinating our efforts—she is looking for walkers and/or donations from members of the department as well as the College. The walk’s theme this year is “Walk for Someone You Love.” The 3- or 8-mile walk is on Saturday, April 26—walkers will leave Stewart Park and walk through residential areas of Ithaca. Call Priscilla at 3-4033 for more information. Get behind Priscilla and walk for someone you love!

Transitions

Carrie Markowski, formerly a technician with Dr. Karel (Ton) Schat, is now working on a PhD in immunology in his lab.

Congratulations to Abdul Rahman Omar who has finished his PhD program in immunology with
Dr. Karel (Ton) Schat has returned to his native Malaysia to begin his teaching and research duties as lecturer in the department of veterinary microbiology and pathology at University of Agriculture, Malaysia.

Welcomes

**Dr. Celina Buscaglia**, a member of the faculty at the Veterinary College in La Plata, Argentina. She visited Cornell during March and conducted studies with Dr. Karel Schat and Dr. Bruce Calnek during her stay. In the 1980s she completed her PhD in Cornell's former department of avian and aquatic animal medicine.

**Jaroslaw Fabis**, technician, at the Duck Research Lab on Long Island.

**Dr. Amy Glasser**, postdoctoral research associate with Dr. Gary Whittaker. She earned a PhD in veterinary medicine with Dr. Ed Dubovi and has just returned from a two-year stint in The Netherlands where she continued her work in equine arteritis virus in the lab of Dr. Marian C. Horzinek.

**Kelly Horton**, technician, in Dr. Dwight Bowman’s laboratory.

**Y-Eun Lee**, PhD candidate in environmental toxicology, in Dr. Rod Dietert’s lab.

**Ashley Reynolds**, PhD student in veterinary biomedical science, in Dr. Joel Baines’s lab.

**Elizabeth Triplett**, PhD student in immunology, in Dr. Ed Pearce’s lab.

**Zheng Xing**, PhD candidate in veterinary medicine with Dr. Karel (Ton) Schat. He who finished his MS with Dr. Jun-Lin Guan in veterinary pathology.

Pharmacology

**Accolades**

The department held its annual poster presentation session in January at the Triphammer Lodge and Conference Center. Thirty-three posters were presented by students, postdoctoral associates, and research associates— with participants from the fields of pharmacology, biochemistry, and engineering and applied physics.

**Dr. R. Cerione** has accepted an invitation from the National Institutes of Health to serve a 3-year term as a member of its Cellular Biology and Physiology Study Section.

The laboratories of **Dr. R. Cerione and Dr. G. Sharp** received a Radiation Safety Eagle Award for the month of February. Special tributes go to **Carolyn Coombs** and **Jennie Guo**, lab managers for Dr. Cerione, and to **Troitza Bratanova-Tochkova**, lab manager for Dr. Sharp.

**Babies**

Jara Nassar (7 pounds, 19-3/4 inches) was born to **Brigitte and Nicolas Nassar** on February 5. Nicolas is a research associate in the laboratories of Dr. R. Cerione.

**Events**

The department had the pleasure of a site visit by the National Institutes of Health on February 24. That visit will determine the next five-year funding levels for the Biophysical and Biochemistry Training Grant. Fingers are crossed!

**Transitions**

**Joanna Feltham**, who completed her training under the direction of Dr. Robert Oswald, received her PhD in February and has accepted a postdoctoral position in the department of chemistry at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

**Dr. Jennifer Mulvaney** has transferred from the laboratory of Dr. Linda Nowak to further her post-

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doctoral training in the laboratory of Dr. Mark Roberson in the physiology department.

Welcomes

Michael Ball, a former graduate student of Dr. John Cummings, has transferred to the department of pharmacology; he will be working with Dr. Wayne S. Schwark.

Dr. Chih-Chien (JJ) Chen has joined the laboratory of Dr. Alex Brown as a postdoctoral associate.

Jared Cohen, graduate student, has transferred to the department of pharmacology from genetics and development; he is working with Dr. Alex Brown.

Dr. Zhuang (Galen) Wo, who received his PhD under the direction of Dr. Robert Oswald in 1996 and then moved to Tufts University, has rejoined the laboratories of Dr. Oswald as a postdoctoral associate.

Physiology

Accolades

Congratulations!! Employee Service Awards were presented to the following departmental personnel:

Toni Coon, administrative assistant with Dr. Peter Nathanielsz in the Laboratory of Pregnancy and Newborn Research, and who has been with Cornell for five years.

Patrician Curran, technician in course Bio G 105/106 with Dr. Carol McFadden, and who has been with Cornell 20 years.

Anne Plescja, administrative assistant with Dr. Carol McFadden, and who has been with Cornell 15 years.

Transitions

Dr. David Robertshaw, Chair of the Department of Physiology, has been appointed as the College's Acting Associate Dean for Academic Programs (until September 1, 1997).

Dr. John Wootton has become Acting Chair of the Department of Physiology (until September 1, 1997).

Welcomes

Marcus Koller, MD, a cardiologist from Wurzburg, Germany, will spend 1997 as a visiting fellow in Dr. Robert Gilmour's laboratory. Dr. Koller is the recipient of a traveling fellowship from the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft.

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Public Affairs

Babies

Congratulations to Maureen and Frank Piper on the birth of their son, Francis David (9lbs, 5oz.), on April 1.

Accolades

Thanks to all those who participated in the 1997 Veterinary Student Phonathon, a yearly event to help raise money for the College’s Annual Fund.

Gifts made to the College as the direct result of Phonathon calls placed by 41 students on six nights total $12,885. The Class of 1999 raised the most dollars this year—$7,495.

A sincere round of thanks to all!

1997 Phonathon Co-Leaders

Ashley Boyle
Wendy Breckenridge
Fred Levy

Student Callers

Ashley Boyle ’00
Susan Boyndjian ’99
Lori Bradshaw ’99
Wendy Breckenridge ’99
C.J. Ceglowski ’98
Erick Christensen ’99
Meredith Davis ’00
Celia Feiler ’99
Tasha Fleury ’98
Polly Foureman ’00
Sarina Hinsley ’99
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Chris Reetz ’99
Kim Ritter ’99
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Reed Stevens ’00
Dawn Tornusciolo ’99
Chris Weisner ’99
Jana Williams ’00
Karin Wilson ’99
Sarah Wilson ’99
Matt Winter ’98

Quality Milk Production Services

Welcomes

Phillip Bruso, full-time permanent administrative assistant in the Ithaca QMPS office.

Andrea Walsh, technician in the Ithaca diagnostic laboratory, who comes to QMPS from the Dairylea Cooperative, Inc, in East Syracuse.

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Donna Muscarella, PhD, senior research associate in the department of microbiology and immunology, recently began a personal project that she finds very gratifying — consulting with area nursing homes that are in the process of instituting a revolutionary program called Edenization.

HELPING ELDERS ENJOY GARDENS OF EDEN

"The goal of this nationwide program [headquartered in Sherburne, New York] is to introduce plants, animals, and a variety of community activities into nursing homes," explains Dr. Muscarella, "in order to transform the environment from that of an institution to one that resembles, as closely as possible, a real home."

One particularly successful approach, she says, has been to introduce small companion birds — particularly finches, budgerigars, and cockatiels — into the facilities. Those residents who are able and interested are given the option of keeping their own pet bird in their room. As a consultant, Muscarella provides information to nursing home administrators and professional staff that will enable them to provide the best possible care for companion birds. In addition, she helps nursing homes comply with guidelines established by the NYS Department of Health for introduction of pets into Residential Health Care Facilities.

In April, Dr. Muscarella and graduate research assistant Katie Gay — with Bob, a teaching cockatiel — attended a workshop sponsored by Living Centers of Geneva, New York, which is in the process of edenizing. They met with staff and administrators, and discussed selection and care of companion birds.

Those who would like more information on the Eden Alternative may contact Dr. Donna Muscarella, 253-4047, <dem10@cornell.edu>

The Alpha Chapter of Phi Zeta, the honor society of veterinary medicine, has received an unrestricted alumni funds award for funding the transfer of textbooks to veterinary colleges in third-world countries, including Uganda, Uruguay, and Kenya.

The chapter is starting a drive to ask students, faculty, and professional staff to donate textbooks for the project. Large-animal texts (not older than 10 years) are particularly welcome. Through the assistance of Dr. Gordon Campbell, the chapter has contacts in several countries and is hoping to make the textbook transfer a success.

PHI ZETA SPONSORS TEXTBOOK DRIVE

If you have textbooks to donate to the project, please contact Dr. Kathy Earnest-Koons at Cornell at 253-3866 or via email at <kae1@cornell.edu>

The aim of Phi Zeta, founded in 1925 by fourth-year veterinary students at Cornell, is to stand for high scholarship and the constant advancement of the veterinary profession, explains Earnest-Koons, president of the Alpha Chapter. On a yearly basis at its annual banquet, the chapter welcomes into its organization third- and fourth-year veterinary students who rank high scholastically.

Each year, the Alpha Chapter also sponsors a manuscript competition for graduate students and residents at Cornell’s College of Veterinary Medicine; the winner of the local competition goes on to compete at the national level. Bi-annually, the chapter cosponsors a scientific poster session with the College’s graduate education and research office; the next session is slated for 1998.
Anatomy

Accolades

Professor Howard Evans and his wife Erica have recently returned from Tokyo where they were guests of the Japanese Association of Veterinary Anatomists; in Japan, there are 11 national and 5 private veterinary colleges. He was invited to speak about anatomical teaching in North America and, more particularly, about the new curriculum at Cornell. They report having a wonderful time; he was made Honorary Member No. 9 of the association. On the way home, a stop in Hawaii allowed a visit to the world’s only hybrid Atlantic bottle-nosed dolphin x false killer whale, which now weighs more than 650 pounds. In 1991, this hybrid, sired by another Florida bottle-nosed dolphin, gave birth to a female calf that is thus only one-quarter false killer whale. All are performing well at Sealife Park and await visitors.

Transitions

Dr. Dagmar Waberski, who has been working in Dr. Susan Suarez’s lab, returns to her faculty position in the Hannover Veterinary College in Germany on May 14.

Welcomes

Han Chen Ho will be arriving in June from Taiwan to begin her graduate studies in the field of physiology in the lab of Dr. Susan Suarez.

Baker Institute

Accolades

Congratulations to Max Appel and Reinhard Straubinger for their award from the Lyme Disease Foundation for best paper of the year.

Congratulations to the following staff for their milestone years of service:

25 years
Jim Hardy, Alma Williams
20 years
Art Howser, Sharon Morrow
15 years
Carlene Furch
10 years
Rick Daniels, Russell Haus, Paul Lutwak, Jane Miller, Rita Sims
5 years
Wendy Weichert

Transition

Dr. Debra Negrao-Correa successfully finished her PhD and is working as a postdoctoral associate in Dr. Robin Bell’s lab.

Welcomes

Klaus Geissler, visiting fellow from the University of Munich, who joined Dr. Colin Parrish’s lab in April for three months
Hubert Dorn, Jr., temporary grounds assistant
Lynne Anguish, technician in Dr. Robin Bell’s lab

Clinical Sciences

Welcomes

Jan Maschke, a visiting fellow from Germany working with Dr. Bud Tennant
Stephan Menne, a postdoctoral associate from Germany working with Dr. Bud Tennant
Feline Health Center

The Cornell Feline Health Center has moved from the Veterinary Research Tower to its new location in Schurman Hall (S3107-3114).

Transitions

Dr. Fred W. Scott, who retired in December 1996, was feted with a reception at Willard Straight Hall on March 21, in honor of his 22 years of dedication and service as director of the Feline Health Center.

Microbiology + Immunology

Accolades

The second annual department Employees Day luncheon took place on May 14. The department faculty provided lunch as a way of saying “thank you” to all the support staff and students. Our congratulations to the following people, who received service awards:

25 years
Jon Woodin

20 years
Priscilla O’Connell, Gwen Troise

15 years
Douglas Haner, Sue Proper

10 years
Jim Cutler, Steve Dannic, Judy Jones

5 years
Kevin Fitch, Terry Manheim

Dr. Rodney Dieterl has been invited to serve on a grant panel in May for the US Department of Defense grant program on Gulf War illnesses.

Dr. Syed Naqi recently participated in a United Nations-sponsored mission to introduce new ELISA-based serological methods for disease diagnosis and health profiling of poultry flocks in Sri Lanka. In this two-week mission to Sri Lanka, he also presented seminars at the College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Peradeniya and the Central Veterinary Research Institute at Kandy.

Dr. Edward Pearce was an organizer for the first Immunoparasitology Meeting held at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Wood’s Hole, Massachusetts, in late April. Several students and faculty from the department presented posters and oral presentations. The meeting was well received and plans are already underway for the next meeting.

Babies

Congratulations to Tim and Nikki Becken on the birth of their second child, Marisa Marie (6 lbs., 11 oz.; 20 inches), on April 4.

Congratulations to Ying Fan and Qiubo Li on the birth of their first child, Calvin Jiaxing Li (6 lbs., 10 oz.), on May 6.

Weddings

Lily Zou (a recent PhD graduate of Dr. Roger Avery) was married to Biao Luo on Sunday, April 20, in Marlborough, Massachusetts. Wendy Hoose was maid of honor, and Dr. Avery gave the blessing.

Welcomes

Elizabeth Fogarty is a new technician in Dr. Dwight Bowman’s lab.

Pathology

Accolades

Dr. Jun-Lin Guan was promoted to associate professor, with tenure effective February 1, 1997.

Dr. Donald H. Schlafer was promoted to full professor, effective February 1, 1997.

Transitions

Caroline Hebert, office systems specialist, will be moving to the Boston area in July. Her husband, Alan, has been accepted into Boston College Law School.

Dr. Clive Huxtable will return to Australia in July after spending the past year as a visiting professor in the department.
Bonnie Lamkin, administrative assistant, will be leaving the department in May and traveling the country with her husband, Tom. They plan to settle in the western United States.

**Welcomes**

**Dr. Matthew Jacobsen**, from the United Kingdom, is a new resident in the department. Joining him are his wife, Catherine, and their two children.

**Dr. Maja Suter** presented a special pathology seminar, “Disurbance of Intercellular Adhesion in Skin Disease,” on April 30. Dr. Suter completed her PhD in pathology and held the position of associate professor in the department. She is now chairwoman of the Institute für Tierpathologie, Universität Bern, Bern, Switzerland.

**Pharmacology**

**Accolades**

**Dr. H. Alex Brown** has been named a Kimmel Foundation Scholar and has received a two-year award from the foundation to study the activation of phospholipase D (PLD), a natural enzyme believed to be a crucial biochemical link in the cell-signaling cascade that permits the spread of many kinds of cancer cells. Ultimately, Dr. Brown hopes to design drugs that can inhibit PLD production in cancer cells and to halt their spread altogether.

**Dr. Thomas Schermerhorn** has received a three-year National Research Service Award from the National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Diseases.

**Zhaohui Li**, a graduate student with Dr. Robert Oswald, received her master's degree in pharmacology. Zhaohui defended her master's thesis on May 2.

**Physiology**

**Accolades**

**Dr. Robert Wasserman** is now serving on a National Research Council committee concerned with evaluating safe upper levels of nutrients. He also will be participating in the Vitamin D Workshop, Strasbourg, France, in May and the Calcium-Binding Protein Symposium, Lund, Sweden, in June. He is a member of the advisory committee for each group.
Sympathies

The faculty and staff of the department of physiology share a sense of shock and sadness with the College and the Ithaca community over the tragic death of Charlotte Gasteiger, wife of Edgar Gasteiger, MS, PhD, emeritus professor of physiology. We shall all miss her sunny smile and warm personality, which have touched the lives of many.

Welcomes

Jennifer Johnson is working as a technician with Dr. Katherine Houpt on a new USDA project.

Dr. Lijuan Wang, PhD, has joined Dr. Wootton’s lab as a postdoctoral associate for six months. Dr. Wang received her PhD from Iowa State University and has worked as a postdoctoral associate at the American Health Foundation in New York City.

Michelle Whitaker started as a technician with Dr. Peter Nathanielsz’s lab in April; she transferred to physiology from the Diagnostic Lab.

Seong Yeon, is a visiting fellow with Dr. Katherine Houpt, who will be working with Dr. Houpt for one year, through February 1998.

Public Affairs

Accolades

The department congratulates two staff members who recently received service awards from the University:

5 years
Alexandra Giordano, administrative assistant

5 years
Alison Smith, associate director, alumni affairs and development

Research and Graduate Education

Accolades

The Office of Research and Graduate Education recently helped Judy Wood celebrate her 20th year at Cornell. Judy started out as a young girl working part-time in the College’s Diagnostic Laboratory and is now a seasoned veteran of this office. Our congratulations, Judy!

Student News

Accolades

Alpha Psi Veterinary Fraternity celebrated its 90th anniversary on May 6, 1997.

The fraternity is making a come-back after about a year and a half of de-activation. This semester’s activities have included a Valentine’s party, a St. Patrick’s pot-luck dinner, visits to Ithaca with pets, a movie night, the annual alumni dinner, a fund-raiser to benefit the Therapeutic Riding Center, weekly planning meetings, and “ER nights.”

The Beta Chapter of Alpha Psi boasts approximately 1,300 members since 1907 (30 percent of the total veterinary graduates as of 1994); all former deans of the College of Veterinary Medicine also have been members of Alpha Psi.

Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital

Accolades

The Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital would like to extend special thanks to all of the loyal and dedicated staff and students who stayed late and worked hard to support the welfare of the patients in the Companion Animal Hospital during the building evacuation by Environmental Health and Safety on the evening of May 5.
Congratulations to farrier, Mike Wildenstein, who wrote an article entitled “The Fetlock Support Shoe,” which was recently published in Hoofcare and Lameness magazine.

Babies

Gregory Lee, Jr. arrived March 30 to join the family of Brenda, Gregory, and Keshia Lee. Brenda is an accounts assistant in the hospital’s business office.

Transitions

Sue Brown has assumed the responsibility of technical supervisor in the intensive care unit of the Companion Animal Hospital.

Welcomes

Shanna Affeldt, telephone attendant in the Companion Animal Hospital phone room

Timothy Darbishire, animal attendant in the animal care section of the Equine and Farm Animal Hospitals

Cheryl Jacob, medical records coder

Mcne McCormick, veterinary technician in the anesthesia section of the Companion Animal Hospital

Carol Morrell, veterinary technician in the intensive care unit of the Companion Animal Hospital

Kara Peery, veterinary technician in the Equine and Farm Animal Hospitals

Patricia Sotero, pharmacy technician in the Companion Animal Hospital

Lisa Woodin, temporary office assistant in medical records

Upcoming Events

Picnic for the Class of 1997
Wednesday, May 21, 3pm,
Robert Treman State Park (lower area), Ithaca

Hooding Rehearsal, Class of 1997
Friday, May 23, 11am,
assemble in atrium, Veterinary Education Center

Hooding Ceremony, Class of 1997
Saturday, May 24, 4:30pm
Statler Auditorium, Cornell University

Commencement, Class of 1997
Sunday, May 25, 9:30am,
assemble on the Arts Quad

Reception for the Class of 1997
Sunday, May 25, 12:30pm,
following Commencement ceremonies,
on the Plaza, College of Veterinary Medicine

1997 Summer Leadership Program
June 2–August 8
College of Veterinary Medicine

Animal-Health Career Connections for NYS 4-H
June 30–July 2
College of Veterinary Medicine

International Equine Neurology Conference
July 11–13
College of Veterinary Medicine

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Cornell Companions, explains faculty coordinator, Jane Shaw, DVM, instructor in the college’s anatomy department, is a program whose purpose is to share with disabled children a love of animals and a belief that animals can make a difference in the physical and emotional well-being of those whom they touch.

“We strive to foster positive relationships between people and animals and also among different groups of people,” adds Jennifer Matlow, DVM Class of 900, student coordinator of the program.

Through Cornell Companions, members of the Cornell veterinary community and their pets make regular visits to local organizations to work with disabled children. At these facilities, program participants and their companion animals engage in a variety of activities ranging from informal pet-the-pet classroom groups to individualized therapeutic regimens (such as speech or physical therapy) with a trained therapist.

For example, for six weeks this summer, the group traveled once each week to the Special Children’s Center in Ithaca to give children there an opportunity to interact with members’ dogs. In a shaded area under an old oak tree, the children and the dogs — supervised by the members of Cornell Companions and the children’s classroom teachers from the Center — sat together, hugged, kissed, took walks, played ball, and enjoyed each other’s company in the sunshine.

It is important, explains Shaw, that all program volunteers be adequately prepared for the commitment of regular visits to participating facilities. Participating dogs should be calm, reliable, and good with children.

Dogs must be licensed, vaccinated, and free of external and internal parasites. Prospective animal participants undergo an obedience and temperament screening that evaluates how the animal relates to people, other animals, unfamiliar situations, and mildly noxious stimuli. Human volunteers attend three training sessions to learn the principles and process of animal-assisted activities (next sessions start September 2).

Interested volunteers may sign up for animal screenings at Dr. Shaw’s office (S2-167); for more details, contact Dr. Shaw at <jrs31@cornell.edu> or Jennifer Matlow at <jm85@cornell.edu>

Web Weeks
September 8–12;
and again September 22–26.

If you need to know more about the World Wide Web, you need to come to Web Weeks — a program for faculty, staff, and students of the College of Veterinary Medicine.

For information about workshops, classes, and registration, look for the bright yellow posters and fliers, or visit the site at http://www.vet.cornell.edu/webweeks/

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Anatomy

Plans

Howard Evans, the department’s resident globetrotter, is leading a CAW trip to Kenya, and if it’s anything like the safari that he lead during the anatomy picnic at Buttermilk Falls, it will be a spectacular event.

Transitions

Kate Huber has been promoted to accounts representative IV.

Sabine Koelle leaves Dr. Suarez’s lab in late August after a three-month stay as visiting fellow from Munich, Germany. She has been characterizing the binding of sperm to the mucosa of the bovine uterine tube.

Michele Marut has left the department to enroll in the graduate field of design and environmental analysis in the College of Human Ecology.

Pat Swartout, after nine years in the anatomy department, has moved to the college’s human resources office as a human resource associate.

Welcomes

Caroline Hahn studied with Dr. deLahunta this summer. She is a PhD candidate under Dr. Mayhew at the University of Edinburgh, who is working on developing a cooperative PhD program between Edinburgh and Cornell. We look forward to her return in January.

Han-Chen Ho is a new graduate student in the field of physiology. She has a master of science in cell biology from National Taiwan University and will be working with Susan Suarez on regulation of sperm motility.

Andrea Lee is a lab technician in Cornelia Farnum’s laboratory, who, along with undergraduate Electra Veson, made the lab an exciting and productive place this past summer.

James A. Baker Institute for Animal Health

Accolades

The canine session of the International Veterinary Vaccines and Diagnostics Conference held recently in Madison, Wisc., was dedicated to Dr. Max Appel and Dr. Skip Carmichael for the many valued contributions they have made to the understanding and control of canine infectious diseases.

Transitions

The Institute will honor both Dr. Max Appel and Dr. Skip Carmichael in September, celebrating their careers and toasting them each on the occasion of their retirement from the faculty.

Welcomes

Dr. Paige Adams, Vijaya Ayengar, and Dr. Susan Bliss are new graduate students undertaking rotations this fall at the Institute.

Jason Corey, temporary animal technician.

Jill Czarnecki, technician in Dr. Gus Aguirre’s laboratory.

Tatja Hopman, Research Support Specialist in Dr. Antczak’s laboratory.

Laurie Lantagne, technician in Dr. Doug Antczak’s laboratory.

Yulgene Suh, technician in Dr. Jharna Ray’s laboratory.

Jennifer Wurster, temporary technician in Dr. George Lust’s laboratory.

Computing Services

Transitions

Tanya Garger took early retirement.
**Feline Health Center**

*The Cornell Book of Cats*, Second Edition, is now available for purchase (Schurman Hall S3-113); cost is $33. in person and $35. for mail orders.

**Accolades**

Dr. James Richards has been appointed to the directorship of Cornell’s Feline Health Center. He also has been named chairperson for the education/communications subgroup of the Vaccine-Associated Feline Sarcoma Task Force. Its mission is to facilitate investigation of the epidemiology, etiopathogenesis, treatment, and prevention of these malignancies and to disseminate information to veterinarians and the cat-owning public.

**Transitions**

Marsha Leonard is moving to Melbourne, Florida, to be closer to her grandchildren.

June Tuttle is moving to Richmond, Virginia, to pursue a new teaching career.

**Pathology**

**Accolades**

Bonnie Campbell, who is working on her PhD in genetic diseases of collagen, under the guidance of Dr. Minor, was awarded an NIH fellowship.

Dr. Roy Levine presented a lecture at an in-service education program in June on the “Molecular Basis of Cancer” for Cornell’s Program on Breast Cancer and Environmental Risk Factors in New York State.

We acknowledge the many summer fellows, students, and visitors who participated in a wide variety of learning experiences during the summer:

Christine Braund, Cornell DVM Class of 2000, working in the college’s necropsy facility.

Alexandra Dornath from Berlin, here for the Cornell Leadership Program, worked in the laboratory of Dr. Schlafer.

Felisha Farris from the University of Arkansas, here for Cancer Training in the Summer Fellowship Program, worked in the lab of Dr. Pauli.

Hee-youn Hong, PhD, Chonnam National University from South Korea, joined the lab of Dr. Yen.

Dr. Jennifer McKay from the University of Cambridge, UK, rotating through the necropsy and surgical pathology service.

Gregory Scott Munn from North Carolina State University, here for the Cornell Leadership Program, worked in the lab of Dr. Quimby.

Lucy Neave from Sydney, Australia, here for the Cornell Leadership Program, worked in the lab of Dr. Cooper.

Elisha Nolen, Cornell University Hughes Scholar, worked in the lab of Dr. Andrew Yen.

Jennifer Panzer, Cornell University Hughes Scholar, working in the lab of Dr. Nena Winand.

Candice Reynolds from Detroit, Michigan, NASA SHARP PLUS Summer Research Fellow, working in the lab of Dr. Winand.

Dwight Thomas from the University of Arkansas, here for Cancer Training in the Summer Fellowship Program, worked in the lab of Dr. Guan.

Esther Wissink, from Utrecht, The Netherlands, here for the Cornell Leadership Program, worked in the lab of Dr. Pauli.

Three recent Cornell graduates who worked during the school year and summer in Dr. Quimby’s lab are leaving: Harley Dresner, BS ’97; Shafali Gandhi, BS ’97; and Jason Cohen, BS ’97.

**Babies**

Congratulations to Dr. Jun-Lin Guan and his wife, Chris Bian, on the birth of their daughter, Karen, born July 7.

Congratulations to Lexi Wenski-Roberts and her husband, Mark, on the birth of their son, Alexander Karl, born June 14.
Transitions

Mark Jutton leaves the histology lab to make Syracuse his new home.

Yelena Kanter leaves for New York City where her husband accepted a position at Columbia University.

Rhonda Sturgill left to spend one year in Paris, France, with her husband who is completing his PhD in art history.

Dr. Kazuyuki Uchida returns to Japan after spending the past year as a resident in the department.

Welcomes

Dr. Camille Curtis, DVM, a resident from Washington State University

Dr. John King returns after a one-year sabbatical leave in South America where he visited several universities — 7 months in Argentina and Chile, two months in Brazil and two months in Trinidad and Tobago. He presented slides in the morning and performed necropsies in the afternoon.

Edith Koehn, technician, joins the histology lab

Dr. Sean McDonough, assistant professor, from Davis, California

Bonnie Lamkin joins the department as administrative assistant

Tom Lamkin, Bonnie’s husband, joins Dr. Andrew Yen’s lab as research support specialist

Dr. Tamas Nagy, DVM, a resident from University of Budapest

John Olsen joins Dr. Quimby’s lab as a graduate student

Dr. Yvonne van Gessel, DVM ’95, a resident

Pharmacology

Accolades

Dr. H. Alex Brown received a two-year award from the American Heart Association to study regulation of a G-protein activated lipid signaling system.

Sandra McCallum defended her thesis on July 28 and has accepted a postdoctoral position in biochemistry at Stanford University Medical Center. She was a graduate student with Dr. Cerione.

Typhoon Nomanbhoj defended his thesis on April 29 and has accepted a position at the Scripps Research Institute, the Skaggs Institute of Chemical Biology, in LaJolla, CA. He was a graduate student with Dr. Cerione.

Shaohua Tang defended his thesis on May 28 and will continue his postdoctoral studies with Dr. Sharp.

Lauren Trepanier, DVM, defended her thesis on July 30 and has accepted a tenure track assistant professor position in the medical sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, School of Veterinary Medicine. She was a graduate student with Dr. Sharp.

Transitions

Dr. Geoffrey Sharp returns from sabbatical leave on September 8.

Dr. Wayne Schwark commences sabbatical leave on September 8. Dr. Schwark will be visiting the Royal Veterinary College, London; the Veterinary College, University of Hannover, Germany; the Veterinary College, University of Berlin, Germany and the Veterinary College, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC. He will conduct research and teaching in veterinary clinical pharmacology.

Welcomes

Shelby Dietz, an undergraduate, is working with Dr. Oswald

Dr. Elizabeth Hong-Geller from MIT, to the laboratory of Dr. Richard Cerione as an American Cancer Society postdoctoral fellow

Quianyong Liu, a graduate student working with Dr. Nowak

Marisa Schulman, an undergraduate, is working with Dr. Brown

Aaron Sharma, an undergraduate, is working with Dr. Manor of Dr. Cerione’s laboratory

Jennifer Stamos accepted a technician position with Dr. Nicolas Nassar of Dr. Cerione’s group
A warm welcome from the college administration, faculty, staff, and the classes of 1998, 1999, and 2000 to the 85 members of the DVM Class of 2001!

The date has been set for Open House! Please mark your calendars now: the **32nd Annual Open House** at Cornell’s College of Veterinary Medicine will be on **Saturday, April 18, 1998**.

Wendy Breckenridge, Class of 1999, worked this summer on a special project for the dean. She interviewed several dozen college alumni and wrote biographical sketches highlighting their recent honors and accomplishments. The stories are being produced as posters, which will be exhibited in display cases at the college throughout the academic year.

**Physiology**

**Babies**

Congratulations to **Laurie Warner** and her husband on the birth of their son, Dylan, born June 21.

Congratulations to **Dr. Marcus Koller** and his wife Dorothea on the birth of their son, Johannes, born July 18.

**Transitions**

Theresa Pollard, administrative manager, left the department to take a position in human development and family studies at Cornell.

**Welcomes**

Gwen Isham, as administrative manager

**Public Affairs**

The college’s office of public affairs, formerly located on the sixth floor of the Veterinary Research Tower, has moved to the third floor of Schurman Hall, S3-705. Phone numbers, fax numbers, email, and box number remain the same.

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**Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital**

**Transitions**

Pamela Schenck has accepted a position in the anatomy department. We wish her well but will miss her in the Equine and Farm Animal Hospitals, where she has worked since April 1979.

**Weddings**

Congratulations to **Debra Brown (Allen)**, from the Companion Animal Hospital front office, and Todd Allen, who were married on June 15.

Congratulations to **Sherry Santurri (Wakeman)**, who works in the Business Office, and Boyd Wakeman, who were married on August 9.

**Welcomes**

**Dr. Elizabeth Barnes**, Illinois DVM ’97, intern with the Ambulatory Service

**Dr. Douglas Barry**, Texas DVM ’97, intern with the Ambulatory Service

**Dr. Jacqueline Bartol**, Cornell DVM ’96, resident in large-animal medicine

**Dr. Karyn Beningo**, Minnesota DVM ’93, resident in dermatology

**Dr. Stuart Bliss**, Cornell DVM ’96, resident in small-animal surgery

**Lisa Brady**, technician who will work with Dr. Cooley in anesthesia and soft-tissue instruction

**Dr. Philippe Brianceau**, Toulouse, France, DVM ’96, intern in large-animal medicine

**Dr. Emily Butler**, Cornell DVM ’93, resident in anesthesiology

**Dr. Jane Cho**, Cornell DVM ’94, resident in ophthalmology

**Dr. Rosario Delgado-Lecaroz**, Tufts DVM ’97, intern with the Ambulatory Service

**Dr. Fiona Hickford**, New Zealand DVM ’91, resident in small-animal medicine
June Ink, clinic aide in the Equine and Farm Animal Hospitals

Dr. Marc Kraus, Georgia DVM ’93, resident in cardiology

Dr. Michelle Kutzler, Washington DVM ’93, resident in theriogenology

Heather Loveland, veterinary technician in the Companion Animal Intensive Care Unit

Margie Palmateer, veterinary technician on the night shift in the Equine and Farm Animal Hospitals

Dr. Julie Pembleton-Corbett, Cornell DVM ’96, resident in small-animal medicine

Dr. Stephanie Phillips, Auburn DVM ’96, resident in small-animal medicine

Dr. Stacy Semevolos, Illinois DVM ’94, resident in large-animal surgery

Upcoming Events

College Exhibits at the NYS Fair
Thursday, Aug. 21 through Monday, Sept. 1, in the Horticulture Building at the fairgrounds in Syracuse — including exhibits from the admissions department, diagnostic laboratory, and teaching hospital

College Forum for Faculty and Staff
Aug. 28, 3pm, James Law Auditorium

Faculty Picnic
Aug. 29, 6pm, Cass Park

Web Weeks at the College
Sept. 8–12; and again Sept. 22–26. Look for the yellow posters and fliers, or visit http://www.vet.cornell.edu/webweeks/

Cornell Homecoming 1997
Friday and Saturday, Sept. 26 and 27

Dedication of the College’s Centennial Room
Friday, Sept. 26, 2pm, Gallery

Veterinary Library Centennial Celebration
Friday, Sept. 26, 3pm, Atrium, Veterinary Education Center

Scholarship Reception
Friday, Sept. 26, 5pm, Atrium, Veterinary Education Center

Trustee/Council Weekend
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Key Leadership Appointments Announced

As part of an initiative to update the academic and administrative organization of the College of Veterinary Medicine, Donald Smith, dean, has announced three key leadership appointments at the college, which will focus on the college missions of education, research, and service.

Katherine M. Edmondson, MS, PhD, has been appointed to the new position of assistant dean for learning and instruction, in which she will serve as the principal college officer promoting the scholarship of teaching. She also will hold responsibility for administration of the offices of DVM admissions, student services, the registrar, financial aid, educational development, and the nondepartmental teaching facilities of the college. Edmondson formerly served as director of the college's office of educational development for seven years.

Douglas D. McGregor, MD, DPhil, will continue in his position of associate dean for research and graduate education, a post he has held for seven years. As associate dean, McGregor serves as the principal college officer for promoting the scholarship of research. Additionally, he has administrative responsibility for the college's office of sponsored programs, the graduate education and research office, and research service units within the college.

Robert O. Gilbert, BVSc, MMedVet, has been appointed to the new position of associate dean for clinical programs and professional service, in which he will serve as the principal college officer promoting the scholarship of professional service. He also will have administrative responsibility for the full range of academic, clinical, and professional service programs of the department of clinical sciences, the diagnostic laboratory, and the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital. Gilbert will assume full administrative duties of his new position on January 1, following completion of his sabbatical leave. During November and December, he will have a 50 percent commitment to this new position. Gilbert previously served the college as associate professor, clinical sciences department (theriogenology); chief of the section of theriogenology; and director of the Bovine Research Center.

"With these appointments, the scholarship of education, research, and service each will be represented at the executive level of the college," explains Smith.

Holiday Party

A party to celebrate the festivities of the season will be held on Thursday, December 4, from 10am to 2pm in the large-animal breezeway at the college. The entire college community is cordially invited to attend. The party is being made possible by numerous departments in the college and has Dean Smith's enthusiastic support. Contacts who are coordinating the festivities include Gary Napieracz, care of buildings; Charlie Pearson, diagnostic laboratory; and Joe Wakshlag, Class of 1998.

"We see the party as a college-wide holiday celebration," says Napieracz. "It's a time to socialize with colleagues, to share some conversation and laughter in the holiday spirit, and maybe an opportunity to say a few words in appreciation to people at the college you rely on throughout the year."

Festivities will include catered food and beverages, a variety of music and song, and good cheer. Staff should coordinate attendance plans with supervisors.
News from Departments

Administration

Babies

Congratulations to Pat Janhonen, administrative assistant for the dean, on becoming a grandmother on October 17 with the birth of Julia Elaine Brazo (8lbs, 11oz). The baby’s parents are Bill Brazo, Pat’s oldest son, and his wife Sara. Julia is their first child and Pat’s first grandchild.

Transitions

David Robertshaw, acting associate dean for academic affairs from January through September 1997, has returned to his academic duties as professor of physiology in the college’s department of physiology.

Welcomes

Gene Wheeler, assistant dean for finance and administration, who served the past six years as director of finance and administrative operations for Cornell’s College of Human Ecology

Admissions

Babies

Congratulations to Joe Piekunka, director of admissions, and his wife Annemarie, on the birth of their 9+ pound baby girl, Laura Rose, born September 26. Her older brother Michael, 2-1/2 years old, is a proud and curious sibling.

Anatomy

Transitions

Abraham Bezuidenhout, visiting professor from the University of Pretoria in South Africa, returned home at the end of October.

Welcomes

Jose Aleman, student engineer in Susan Suarez’s lab
Kevin Haussler, instructor, has completed a PhD at the University of California, Davis. He will be teaching in the spring dissection distribution courses and doing research in John Bertram’s lab.
Jane Papegaay, administrative assistant

James A. Baker Institute

Transitions

Reinhard Straubinger, formerly a graduate student in Max Appel’s lab, has joined the staff as a research associate, continuing work on Lyme disease in dogs.

Welcomes

Katie Saunders, technician, in Jamie MacLeod’s lab

Clinical Sciences

Babies

Susan Fubini, associate professor, and Rory Tidhunter, assistant professor, a daughter, Rebel Jane, on July 30
Sydney Moise, professor, and James Flanders, associate professor, a son, Wyatt Hutson, on August 26

Transitions

Gregory Starrak moved to British Columbia in August.

Weddings

Alan Nixon, associate professor, and Lisa Fortier, graduate student, were married on September 13.
Welcomes

Scott Butler, research aid in Bud Tennant’s lab
Illeen Eriksen, research aide in Bud Tennant’s lab
Laurie Goodrich, lecturer in large animal medicine
Claudia Haferkamp, visiting fellow, who will work in Yrjo Grohn’s lab
Todd Kennett, technician, rejoining the lab of Arleigh Reynolds
Rebecca Lonsdale, instructor in radiology
Paul McNamara, instructor in surgery
Kristin Ohlman, research aid in Bud Tennant’s lab
Paivi Raja, visiting fellow, who will work in Yrjo Grohn’s lab
Mark Rishniw, lecturer in cardiology
Peter Scivani, instructor in radiology
Brent Toland, research support specialist in Alan Nixon’s lab
Jeffrey Toll, lecturer in small animal medicine

Diagnostic Lab

Welcomes

Lisa Spagoletti, veterinary technician, working at the comparative coagulation section, doing research and caring for the hemophilia dog colony

Microbiology + Immunology

Accolades

The National Institute for Environmental Health Sciences Toxicology Training Grant under the leadership of professor Stephen Bloom was renewed for another five-year term effective July 1. The grant, now in its 21st year, is an important component of the toxicology graduate program, ranked 15th in the nation by the Gourman Report of Ratings of Graduate and Professional Degree Programs in American and International Universities. Cornell’s program ranked higher than the other toxicology programs in New York and higher than other well-known programs in Texas, Oregon, Utah, and Wisconsin.

Bruce Calnek, professor emeritus, was recently awarded the Jozsef Marek Commemorative Medal by the Senate of the University of Veterinary Science Budapest in recognition of outstanding accomplishments in the field of research. The medal was presented by the rector of the university during the 11th Congress of the World Veterinary Poultry Association held in Budapest, Hungary, in August. It holds special significance to Dr. Calnek, given his long-standing commitment to research on Marek’s disease.

Congratulations to three PhD students who passed their “A” exams this summer: Suping Chen, in environmental toxicology with professor Rodney Dietert; Brandy Salmon, in veterinary medicine with assistant professor Joel Baines; Maria Tort, in environmental toxicology with professor Paul Bowser.

Eric Denkers, assistant professor, nominated by Cornell University for the Pew Scholars Program in the Biomedical Sciences.

Wendy Hoose, research technician with professor Roger Avery, recently passed the requirements to become a certified New York State paramedic. She is a member of the Varna Volunteer Fire Company.

CRAR (Center for Research Animal Resources) and Lab Animal Services

Accolades

Kathy Mott, animal technician, received Technician of the Year award from the Upstate NY Branch of the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science.

Service Award Recipients

30 years
Paul Smith

20 years
Roy Barriere
Michael Chapman
Dale Strickland

15 years
Louis Barkman

10 years
Larry Carbone
Floyd Bennett

5 years
Steven Crowley
David Hine
Scott Vondrich
Dale Walters
Brandy Salmon gave a presentation and Naomi Taus presented a poster at the 22nd International Herpesvirus Workshop in San Diego, CA in August. Both are students with assistant professor, Joel Baines.

Daisy Wallace, administrative assistant, became a notary public in June.

Gary Whittaker, assistant professor, nominated by Cornell University for the Searle Fellowship

**Babies**

Congratulations to two new grandfathers: Cordell Geissinger, technician, on the birth of his first grandchild, Kara Elise (8 lbs, 3 oz) on August 3; and Syed Naqi, professor, on the birth of granddaughter Azra on July 1.

Congratulations to Esther Racoosin, postdoctoral fellow, and Eric Alani on the birth of their first child, Frances Leah (7 lbs.) on June 5.

Bob and Daisy Wallace welcomed their fourth grandchild, John Robert Wallace (6 lbs.), on July 26.

**Memoriam**

We lost our colleague and friend S. Gordon Campbell on September 29. His contributions to and presence in our department will be sorely missed.

**Transitions**

Congratulations to Elaine Blackman, lab attendant, who retired from Cornell in September, with 30 years of service in avian medicine.

Diane Colf, administrative assistant, is moving after 15 years with poultry science to assume the position of graduate education coordinator in the office of research and graduate education.

Don Holzschu, assistant professor, has accepted a position as assistant professor in the department of biological sciences, Ohio University in Athens, OH.

**Welcomes**

Anne LaFlamme, postdoctoral associate, in the lab of Ed Pearce; she received her PhD degree in parasitology in June from University of Washington.

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**In Memoriam to S. Gordon Campbell**

“Dr. Campbell was an exceptional teacher and a superb lecturer, always friendly and willing to give advice. He was very well-liked by students and colleagues alike. This is a tremendous loss to the department, to the college, and to the profession.”

— Roger Avery, professor of virology, and chair, department of microbiology and immunology

S. Gordon Campbell, professor of microbiology and immunology at the College of Veterinary Medicine, died on September 29 in Ithaca.

Campbell held veterinary degrees from Glasgow University (MRCVS, BVMS, 1956) and Toronto University (MVSc, 1959) and a PhD from Cornell (1964). He joined the Cornell veterinary faculty in 1967; he became an associate professor in 1970, and a professor of immunology in 1979. He was associate dean for academic affairs at the college from 1985–90. He served on numerous college and university committees. Beginning in 1990, he became the college’s director of international programs, participating in projects with the World Bank, United States Agency for International Development, and the Land O’ Lakes Foundation, and traveling worldwide.

Campbell was a member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, American Association of Veterinary Immunologists, American Veterinary Medical Association, New York State Veterinary Medical Society, and many other professional organizations. He received a Distinguished Teaching Award in 1994 from Gamma Sigma Delta, the Honor Society of Agriculture. He was a member of numerous honor societies: Alpha Zeta, Sigma Xi, Gamma Sigma Delta, Alpha Psi, Phi Kappa Phi, and Phi Zeta. He also was a member of the Tompkins County SPCA, where he had served as president.

Gordon Campbell is survived by his wife, May Elizabeth Craik Campbell, and three sons: Rory Mor Campbell; Kyle Brodie Campbell, Cornell DVM Class of 2000; and Scott McIntyre Campbell.

The family plans a memorial service on May 2, 1998, from 3 to 6pm at Hickory Ridge, the family home, in Ithaca. All of Dr. Campbell’s current and past veterinary students and academic colleagues are invited by his family to attend the service.
Pathology

Accolades

Jori Brenner, resident, and Fabio Del Piero, postdoctoral associate, received board certification in the American College of Veterinary Pathologists. Congratulations to both!

Transitions

Ori Brenner has completed residency training and taken a position at Mt. Sinai School of Medicine in New York City.

Barry Cooper, professor, has been appointed chair of the department of pathology. He has been a member of the department for the past 20 years with responsibilities for professional service, course leadership of foundation course III, and research activities involving Duchenne muscular dystrophy.

Charlene Fernandez completed residency training and returned home to Singapore. She will take a diagnostic pathology position there.

Thank you to professor Bendicht Pauli, for his service as department chairman for the past 10 years. Dr. Pauli will now devote more of his effort to his primary research focus of cancer cell biology.

Welcomes

Michael Tokman, research associate, joins Fred Quimby’s lab. Congratulations also go out to Michael and his wife, Marina, on the birth of their son, Joshua, born September 24.

Pharmacology

Accolades

Robert Oswald, professor, has received a grant from the American Cancer Society to support his program “Structure and Regulation of Cdc42Hs.”

Jeffrey Ward defended his thesis on September 17 and has accepted a postdoctoral position with Mark oncowitz in the department of medicine at Johns Hopkins University Medical Center.

Gregory Weiland, associate professor, Robert Oswald, professor, and Robin Gleed, associate professor, have received funding from the Consolidated Research Grants Program to support their work, “Structural Basis for Reduced Mivacurium Metabolism by Serum Butyrylcholinesterase in Dogs.”

Events

Geoffrey Sharp, professor, returned September 8 from his sabbatical leave.

Gregory Weiland, associate professor, a member of the American Heart Association Peer Review Committee in Molecular Signaling, has been reviewing grants in Dallas, TX.

Richard Cerione, professor, a member of a study section for the National Institutes of Health, has been in Bethesda, MD, reviewing grants.

Robert Oswald was invited to Cornell Medical College to give a seminar on “Modular Structure of Glutamate Receptors” in the neuroscience program.

Linda Nowak, associate professor, spent one month in Kenya and Tanzania relaxing, hiking, sightseeing.

Welcomes

José Acosta, an undergraduate returning to work with Linda Nowak

Michael Ball, lecturer

Antonia Jameson, Ellen Scott and Jana Williams (Baxter), students who participated in the department’s 1997 Summer Pre-DVM Program. Antonia has completed two summers and this was Ellen’s and Jana’s first year. All three students are continuing part-time with their projects during the academic year: Antonia Jameson, working with Richard Cerione; Ellen Scott, ’00, working with Michael Ball and Wayne Schwark; and Jana Williams (Baxter), ’00, working with Linda Nowak.

Charles Lo, an undergraduate working with senior research associate, Danny Manor, in Richard Cerione’s laboratory

Erik Newlin, technician working with Michael Ball
Physiology

Accolades

Javid Robertshaw, professor, gave the JoAnn S. Miller Memorial Lecture at Alfred University on September 22. His speech was titled “Animals, Science, and Ethics.”

Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital

Accolades

The teaching hospital recently honored the following employees for their dedicated years of service:

30 Years
Robert Wallace

20 Years
Debra Bain
Susan Long
Richard Rossignol

15 Years
Barlene Buckingham
Richard Churchill
Diane Costa
Faye Dean
Patricia Homer
Kathleen Shipos
Doreen Turk

10 Years
Joan Ballenstedt
Jean Young
Shari Renaud-Farrell

5 Years
Kim Baldwin
Mary-Catherine
French
Sharon Hollenbeck
Brenda Lee
Michael Wildenstein

Transitions

Dorothy Schenck, clinic aide, began her retirement on September 25. The Equine and Farm Animal Hospitals had a lovely reception for Dotty in the Centennial Room. Dotty has been a familiar face in the hospital since November 3, 1975.

Sue Brown has been named supervisor of technical services in the intensive care unit of the Companion Animal Hospital.

Welcomes

Helen Armstrong, accounts representative with accounting/purchasing/human resources section

Barbara Bennett, temporary in the pharmacy/ambulatory section

Pam Canfield, temporary with the Equine and Farm Animal Hospitals, animal care section

Brenda Daniels, administrative assistant working with Francis Kallfelz

Jaime Hazard, veterinary technician in the intensive care unit of the CAH

Jamie Stevens, office assistant in the Companion Animal Hospital’s admission and discharge offices

Sheri Swerger, temporary in the Companion Animal Hospital phone room

Heather Wallace, temporary with accounting/purchasing/human resources

Weddings

Marilyn DeLorenzo, administrative assistant in radiology, and Claude Marion were married on September 8.

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