Rolling Bone

News for faculty, students, and staff
College of Veterinary Medicine
Cornell University
January 2002

News from Departments

James A. Baker Institute

Transitions
Charlie Corbe, network administrator, transferred to a similar position in the Cornell University Hospital for Animals in early December.

Welcomes
Kristen Clements, postdoctoral associate working with Nancy Burton-Wurster and George Lust. She received her PhD in anatomy at University of Bristol, England, in October 2000 and, prior to joining the college, was a postdoctoral research associate at the Imperial College in London, England.
Biomedical Sciences

Accolades

Howard Evans, professor emeritus, was made an honorary member of the New York State Veterinary Medical Society at an executive meeting in Albany on December 6.

Jeffrey Fox, graduate student, won the Gordon K. Moe Young Investigator Award from the Upstate New York Cardiac Electrophysiology Society at their annual meeting in Rochester on October 25. He was selected from 21 young investigators representing laboratories in Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Utica, and Ithaca. The award consists of $1,000 cash and a plaque.

Robin Pasiak, technician in the histolab, recently received her HTL (histotechnologist) certification from the American Society of Clinical Pathologists. The exam consists of both written and practical portions.

Births

Congratulations to Bonnie Lamkin, accounts representative, and her husband, Tom, on the birth of their daughter, Emily Catherine, born November 27, weighing 7lbs. 12 oz.

Congratulations to Mark Riccio, research support specialist, and his wife, Elisa, on the birth of their daughter, Sofia, born September 21.

Deaths

Professor Raymond Williams, DVM, PhD, former chair of the Department of Veterinary Anatomy at Tuskegee University and former graduate student at Cornell, died last summer. He was a visiting professor at Cornell from 1974-75.

Transitions

Clive Huxtable, professor, chief of anatomic pathology and director of necropsy services, has resigned from his position and returned to Australia.
Welcomes

Bani Azari, technician in Teresa Gunn's laboratory

Rachael Caputo, technician, who joined Cornelia Farnum's laboratory and is working on a project analyzing growth plate cellular responses during catch-up growth.

Christine DeLeonardis, research support specialist in David Lin's laboratory
Clinical Sciences

Welcomes
Anna Gelzer, lecturer in cardiology
Marc Kraus, lecturer in cardiology
Alessandra Pellegrini-Masini, veterinary intern
Keila Sydenstricker, postdoctoral associate in wildlife health medicine
Cornell University Hospital for Animals

Welcomes

Brenda Henley, clinic aide, in the Equine and Farm Animal Hospitals

Gail Morrow, client service representative
Finance

Births

Congratulations to Kiersten Cole, accounts representative, and her husband, Chris, on the birth of their son, Riley Duggan, on September 27, weighing 7 lbs. 6 oz., and measuring 19 inches.
Laboratory Animal Services

Accolades

Congratulations to Dale Walters, animal technician II, on his promotion to animal technician III for the field lab complex.

Congratulations for receiving the department Perfect Attendance Award:

Daniel Buck
David Collins
Susan Davenport
Charles Luppe
David McDermitt
Linda Vann
Kevin Yager

Welcomes

Rachel Slater, animal technician

Damien Vogtman, animal technician
Molecular Medicine

Births

Congratulations to Oné Pagán, graduate student, and his wife, Elizabeth, on the birth of their son, Andrew Benjamin, born on August 24. Big brother, Reynaldo, began pre-kindergarten at Northeast Elementary School on September 11.

Congratulations to Jennifer Mulvaney-Musa, temporary service professional, and her husband Tom, on the birth of their daughter, Alison Marie, born on June 14.

Transitions

Geoffrey Sharp, professor, and Susanne Straub-Sharp, senior research associate, are on a one-year sabbatical at the Max Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry in Goettingen, Germany.

Thomas Schermerhorn, graduate student, has left to take a position in the Department of Clinical Sciences, University of Kansas.

Subhadra Gunawardana, graduate student, finished her defense and has taken a postdoctoral position in the Department of Physiology and Biophysics at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee.

Smita Abbi, graduate student, received her PhD and has taken a position with Merck as a clinical research coordinator.

Welcomes

Stephen J. Campbell, research support specialist, who joined Richard Cerione's laboratory

Julian Merritt, temporary technician, who joined Richard Cerione's laboratory

Jianbin Wang, postdoctoral associate, who joined Richard Cerione's laboratory
Xiaodong Wang, graduate student, who joined Jun-Lin Guan's laboratory

Wendy (Jie) Wu, postdoctoral associate, who joined Jun-Lin Guan's laboratory

Chingwen Ying, visiting professor, who joined Bendicht Pauli's laboratory

Wenyan Zhu, technician, who joined Ruth Collins's laboratory

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Events

Be the First on Your Block:
On-Line Service from Reference Librarians

College faculty, staff and students are invited to try LiveHelp -- a new, experimental reference service using the Internet chat format. It enables individuals to establish an interactive dialog in real time with a reference librarian from any desktop computer -- here in the Flower-Sprecher Veterinary Library, from computers elsewhere at the college, or from home -- using a standard Web browser.

This trial of LiveHelp service will be provided by Mann Library reference staff on Monday-Thursday evenings from 6pm-9pm EST during the Spring 2002 semester.

To utilize LiveHelp, simply connect to the Mann Library home page at http://www.mannlib.cornell.edu/ and click on the LiveHelp logo or select "Reference&Instruction," then choose "Ask a Librarian: LiveHelp."

It is also possible to click on the LiveHelp logo on the homepage of the Flower-Sprecher Veterinary Library at http://www.vet.cornell.edu/library/.

In addition to the weekday evening service provided by Mann Library, Olin/Kroch/Uris Library also offers LiveHelp service from 10am-5pm, Monday through Friday. Click on the LiveHelp logo on the O/K/U Library Reference Services homepage at http://www.library.cornell.edu/okuref/oku/okuhome.html
Please feel free to ask a question through LiveHelp! Also, let us know what you think of this service by sending comments via email to the Flower-Sprecher Veterinary Library at <vetref@cornell.edu>.

**Student Philanthropy Program Receives Award**

We are proud to announce that Cornell’s College of Veterinary Medicine received a Silver Award from the Council for Advancement and Support of EducationASE in it’s 4th annual District II Accolades Award program earlier this month. The award was received in the Annual Giving Programs category for our new "Class of 2002 Memorial Gifts Program."

The primary goal of this program has been to develop and implement the first student philanthropy program at Cornell’s College of Veterinary Medicine. This initiative represents the first-of-its-kind at any veterinary college in the United States.

The program was begun to encourage class gift initiatives. Monies given by fourth-year students in honor of or in memory of client’s pets are matched by alumni and placed in a class account designated, by the class college just prior to their graduation in May, to benefit an area at the college. Best of all, alumni have embraced the opportunity to fund a new and different initiative involving students at the college. Thus far, 50 percent of the Class of 2002 have participated in the program.

The Class of 2003 is carrying on the tradition.

For more information contact **Tracey Brant**, assistant director of alumni affairs and annual giving, who designed and manages this program.
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Accolades

Rina Gendelman successfully completed her PhD in December 2001. She is continuing to work for George Lust and Nancy Burton-Wurster as a postdoctoral associate.

Welcomes

Jennifer Barnas, technician, who has joined Jharna Ray's laboratory. Jennifer received her BS in Animal Science from Cornell in January 2002 and worked for Dr. Ray as an undergraduate student.

Celine Casse, postdoctoral associate, who has joined Gus Aguirre's laboratory. She received her PhD in cellular biology at the University of Rene Descartes in Paris in 2001.

Lisa Daley, graduate student, in Judy Appleton's laboratory. She received her BS and DVM degree from the University of Georgia.

Pam Didai, research technician, working in Gus Aguirre's laboratory. Over the past nine years she has worked as a veterinary technician for two private practices.

Kumar Kothapalli, postdoctoral associate, has joined Vicki Meyers-Wallens' laboratory. He completed his PhD in genetics at Osmania Univeristy.

Seana Thresher, graduate student, in Judy Appleton's laboratory.

Bettina Wagner, visiting professor, working in Doug Antczak's laboratory during her sabbatical leave from the School of Veterinary Medicine, Hannover, Germany.
Biomedical Sciences

Accolades

Congratulations to Caroline Hebert, account representative, on the completion of the accounting certificate program through Financial Affairs.

Congratulations to Misung Jo, graduate student in Joanne Fortune’s laboratory, on the completion of her PhD degree in January. **Drew Noden**, professor, was presented the 2002 Craniofacial Biology Research Award at the 80th General Session of the International Association for Dental Research (IADR). Dr. Noden was recognized for having taken a leadership role in groundbreaking transplant experiments involving cell markers and the quail-chick chimera model. The award was established to recognize individuals who have contributed to the body of knowledge in craniofacial biology over a significant period of time and whose research contributions have been accepted by the scientific community.

**Lexy Roberts**, photographer, has received the Award of Excellence in the general illustrative category for her digital photographic entry in BIOImages, BioCommunications Association (BCA) annual media competition. Her image, "Murine Genomics" is a photo-illustration of a transgenic mouse from the lab of Michael Kotlikoff. The image was one of the top three entries considered for Best of Show. Award-winning entries will be published in the *Journal of the BioCommunications Association* (BCA) and on the BCA website at http://www.bca.org/docs/

Births

Congratulations to Han-Chen Ho, graduate student, and her husband on the birth of their son, Steven, born February 13.

Transitions

**Kitman Dyrting**, visiting fellow, returned to Hong Kong.
Welcomes

Siyang Leng, undergraduate student in Teresa Gunn’s laboratory

Lai-Ming Lisa Chan, undergraduate student in Teresa Gunn’s laboratory

Elena Shmidt, postdoctoral associate in Alexander Nikitin’s laboratory

Bo Shui, postdoctoral associate in Michael Kotlikoff’s laboratory

Zongxiang Zhou, postdoctoral associate in Alexander Nikitin’s laboratory
Computing Services

Transitions

Kate Earle, computer programmer, retired March 2 following more than 25 years of service to the University.
Cornell University Hospital for Animals

Accolades
Congratulations to Michael Wildenstein, farrier, for being awarded a certificate as an Associate of The Worshipful Company of Farriers, headquartered in the United Kingdom. Mike is the only farrier in the United States with the AWCF certification. The combined exams that Mike has successfully taken from the US, UK, and Denmark will allow him to add more initials after his name than any other farrier in the world.

Weddings
Congratulations to Mary Beth Short, pharmacy technician, on her marriage to Tom Page on February 15. This also happens to be the same date on which her great-grandparents, grandparents and parents were married.

Welcomes
Linda Donlin, veterinary technician in the Companion Animal Hospital intensive care unit
Microbiology and Immunology

Accolades

Rod Getchell, research support specialist, passed the PhD exam.

Carrie Grimsrud-Markowski, graduate student, has passed the PhD exam and is planning to move to Norway to pursue an MD degree in Oslo.

Kerry O’Brien, graduate student, has passed the PhD exam.

Ji-eun Lee, completed the PhD exam and is working with Rodney Dietert as a postdoctoral associate.

Joann Huddle, account representative, has been accepted into the accounting degree program at Ithaca College.

Births

Congratulations to Daniel Chen, graduate student, and his wife Honchen Ho, on the birth of their son, Stephen.

Transitions

Andrew McDonald, graduate student, has transferred to the University of Pennsylvania

Syed Naqi, professor, retired on February 2 following 14 years of service as a faculty member at the College.

Edward Pearce, professor, moved to the University of Pennsylvania.

Amy Straw, graduate student, has transferred to the University of Pennsylvania.

Dana Swenson, has accepted a position at United States Army Medical Research Institute for Infectious Diseases., Fredrick, MD.
Welcomes

Kelli Cook, technician with Helene Marquis’s laboratory

Rachel Geisel, graduate student with David Russell’s laboratory

Linda Hovanec, technician with Donna Muscarella’s laboratory

Helene Marquis, associate professor

Roisin Owens, postdoctoral associate with David Russell’s laboratory

Simmon Starky, postdoctoral associate with Gary Whittaker’s laboratory
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