

# ***Rolling Bone***

News for faculty, students, and staff  
College of Veterinary Medicine  
Cornell University  
February 2000

## **Events**

### **Info Sessions: Waste Management Project**

All faculty, students, and staff are invited to attend one of three introductory information sessions about the college's waste management project.

The presentation will include a detailed description of the waste management project — purpose and goals; the complex scientific, public safety, and environmental issues; the timeframe; and the regulatory process. The session will end with a question-and-answer segment.

In order to provide all members of the college community with an opportunity to attend, the introductory session will be offered at three times:

- Wednesday, March 1 at 3:30pm in the Hagan Room
- Thursday, March 2 at noon in Lecture Hall I
- Thursday, March 2 at 7pm in the Hagan Room

### **SCAVMA T-Shirt Sales**

The following are tentative dates for the sale of wearables with the college logo:  
March 10th from 4-6 pm, in S1017  
March 25th, time and location tba  
Watch for signs around the college!

## **Get More Connected:**

### **Be a College of Veterinary Medicine Volunteer**

#### **June 8-11, Reunion**

Ever wonder what happened to the students you remember? What better way to catch up than to volunteer for all or part of the College of Veterinary Medicine reunion weekend? For more information, watch future issues of the *Rolling Bone* or email Tracey at [tlb10@cornell.edu](mailto:tlb10@cornell.edu)

#### **April 8, Open House**

Email this year's co-chairs — Kristen Reyher, Class of 2002, and Karen DeAngelis, Class of 2002, for more information on how to volunteer during Open House: [kreyher@hotmail.com](mailto:kreyher@hotmail.com) or [knd02@hotmail.com](mailto:knd02@hotmail.com)

**April 9-15 is National Volunteer Week** — Congratulate yourself if you are already a volunteer. An estimated 109 million adults aged 18 and over volunteered in 1998, up from 93 million in 1995. Check out the following web site for more information on volunteers: <http://www.pointsoflight.org/>

### **Vet Walking**

Join your fellow colleagues daily for a 20 minute indoor walk around the college. Sponsored by Cornell University Wellness, this is free for all participants. Walking and talking with your co-workers, you won't even realize you're getting exercise. Also, there is an incentive program in which you can track minutes walked and receive prizes such as water bottles, t-shirts, and the chance to be entered into a drawing for a free Wellness membership.

There are two groups that meet Monday through Friday in front of the James Law auditorium in Schurman Hall. Currently, the 1:00 p.m. group walks briskly for 20 minutes, the 11:30 a.m. group walks 20 minutes at a slower pace and takes less stairs. For more information, contact Darlene Buckingham at 3-3210 or [dab13@cornell.edu](mailto:dab13@cornell.edu).

# News from Departments

## Baker Institute

### Transitions

**Jessica Baker**, graduate student, successfully completed her PhD and is now a research associate at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute at Harvard University.

**Karrie Tetor**, animal technician, has left the Institute to pursue a nursing degree from Cayuga Community College in Auburn, NY.

**Dai Wang**, former graduate student, with a completed PhD, has accepted a postdoctoral position at the New Jersey Medical School.

### Welcomes

**Rita Hoffay**, account representative. Rita previously worked for M&T Bank.

**Linda Hunter**, graduate student, has joined Gus Aguirre's laboratory. Linda holds a Cornell BS '88 and DVM '92. Prior to starting graduate school, she worked as a small animal practitioner.

**Bekie Jackson**, Cornell BS '98, administrative assistant for Doug Antczak.

**Michael Jackson**, Cornell BA '98, technician, in the George Lust/Nancy Wurster laboratory.

**Anna Kukekova**, postdoctoral associate, has joined the Gus Aguirre/Greg Acland laboratory. Anna completed her PhD in cell biology from the Institute of Cytology, which is part of the Russian Academy of Science.

**Zuohau Mao**, visiting professor, is working in Robin Bell's laboratory. Dr. Mao arrived last November from Shanghai Medical University.

**John McElwee**, technician, working in Gus Aguirre's laboratory. John received his BS in biology from SUNY Binghamton.

**Donald Miller**, technician in Doug Antczak's laboratory

**Susan Williams**, administrative assistant. Susan has worked many years in the college for lab animal services as an administrative assistant.

**Barbara Zangerl**, postdoctoral associate, has joined Gus Aguirre's laboratory. Barbara recently finished her PhD in molecular biology from the University of Veterinary Medicine in Vienna, Austria, where she also received her DVM degree.

## **Biomedical Sciences**

### **Accolades**

**Reina Fuji**, graduate student, successfully passed the ACVP board certifying exam

### **Births**

Congratulations to **Tom Forest**, resident, and his wife Kate, on the birth of their son, Benjamin Rhodes, born September 3, 1999.

Congratulations to **Joe Wakshlag**, resident, and his wife Susan, on the birth of their daughter, Lauren Grace, born September 20, 1999.

### **Transitions**

**Joseph Wakshlag**, resident, has left the department to begin his graduate studies.

**Nancy Pinette**, administrative assistant, has accepted a position with the Guthrie Medical Center.

**Kurt Piller**, technician, in the histology laboratory will be moving to the necropsy area.

### **Welcomes**

**Linda Capani-Czebiniak**, administrative assistant in the necropsy/surgical office.

**A. Damon**, animal technician in Peter Nathanielsz's laboratory

## **Budget & Financial Management**

### **Welcomes**

**Jeanine Masse**, senior budget analyst. Jeanine comes to the college from the dean's office in Cornell's College of Agriculture & Life Sciences where she has been senior budget analyst for the past three years.

## Lab Animal Services

### Accolades

Congratulations to **Marie** (Palmer) **Brookman**, administrative manager, on her recent marriage to Joe Brookman, January 8.

Congratulations to the recipients of the 1999 *Award of Excellence*:

**Christle Jago**, animal technician

**Cheryl Moore**, animal technician

**Robert Relyea**, animal technician

**Kevin Yager**, animal technician

Congratulations to **Ken Ayers**, animal technician, for receiving *the Perfect Attendance Award*.

### Transitions

**Bonnie Griffin**, accounts representative, has accepted a position as an accounts representative in the Cornell Paints Shop.

**Fred Quimby**, professor and director, returned February 1 from sabbatical leave.

**Sue Williams**, administrative assistant, transferred to the Baker Institute. She has worked for laboratory animal services since 1988.

### Welcomes

**Evan Masten**, temporary animal care technician

**Linda Vann**, temporary animal care technician

## **Microbiology & Immunology**

### **Accolades**

**Paul Bowser**, professor, has received funding from the New York Sea Grant.

**Joel Baines**, associate professor, received a National Institute of Health award.

For the second year, the NYS Governor, George Pataki; has included the college's avian disease program under the direction of **Benjamin Lucio-Martinez** in the state budget (\$315,000).

### **Births**

Congratulations to **Elisabeth Patton**, PhD student, and her husband Todd on the birth of their son, Nathan Alexander, born September 11, 1999.

### **Transitions**

**Araceli Lucio-Forster**, technician, is leaving the avian disease program laboratory and will be joining the PhD graduate program under Dwight Bowman.



## **Public Affairs**

### **Transitions**

**Roberta Militello**, web administrator, has left the college to take a position as web master with the Johnson Graduate School of Management.

## **Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital**

### **Accolades**

Congratulations to **Shelly VanGorder**, administrative assistant, and her husband Keith, on the birth of their son, Jacob Reed, born November 28, 1999.

**Jean Young**, veterinary technician, has been elected to be the large animal technician representative for the World Wide Web page for veterinary technicians, a part of the national organization for veterinary technicians.

## **Submissions**

To submit items for publication in Rolling Bone, send the information in an email message to Amanda Mott <amm36@cornell.edu> in the college's Office of Public Affairs.

Next information deadline – April 24

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## **2000 Commencement Activities**

Faculty, staff, and students of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University congratulate the 73 graduates in the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine graduates in the Class of 2000.

Events planned to honor our DVM graduates during commencement week include:

### **DVM Class of 2000 Hooding Ceremony**

date: Saturday, May 27  
time: 3:00 p.m.  
place: Statler Hotel Auditorium

### **Cornell University Commencement**

date: Sunday, May 28  
time: 11:00 a.m.  
place: Schoellkopf Field

### **Commencement Reception for the DVM Class of 2000**

date: Sunday, May 28  
time: 12:30 p.m.  
place: College of Veterinary Medicine Atrium and Plaza  
speaker: Donald F. Smith, dean

# **Your Pet Could Save a Life!**

## **Companion Animal Blood-Donor Program**

The Companion Animal Blood-Donor Program at Cornell has grown substantially over the last 10 years. The blood donor program originally consisted of dogs and cats who spent a couple of years here at the Companion Animal Hospital to provide transfusions for patients in need of blood products. However, we decided that there was a better way to continue to provide quality blood products and provide better lives for the animals who had helped save lives. We found that by utilizing the pets of staff and students, the animals are physically and mentally healthier overall. Currently, participants are on-call. As needed, volunteers bring their animals into the hospital to donate a unit of blood. After the donation, the animals return home the same day allowing them to lead happy, healthy lives.

We need your help. Even with animals from hospital staff and students, there are not enough donors to supply the hospital's transfusion needs. Every day more and more animals are in need of blood transfusions. You and your pet could make a difference and help save a life.

Most transfusions in animals are done on an emergency basis under extreme time limits. In most cases, the veterinarian does not know the patient's blood type in advance. If the blood is not obtained from a donor that has been typed and tested for infectious diseases, the recipient of the blood could have a reaction to the blood or may be infected with a transmittable disease. Each of our potential donors are thoroughly typed and tested ahead of time to ensure that their blood is "safe" to give to another animal. The tests also insure that your pet is in no danger to donate his/her blood. The donor program includes dogs, cats and ferrets. Volunteers usually donate blood every 1 to 3 months. The following criteria is just a sample of what is needed of a potential donor.

DOGS- Over 50 lbs

Yearly vaccinations

Healthy

1 to 5 years of age

Neutered (preferred)

CATS- Over 9 lbs

Yearly vaccinations

Healthy

Strictly indoors only

1 to 5 years of age

Neutered (preferred)

FERRETS- Big

Yearly vaccinations

Friendly

Healthy

1 to 5 years of age

All expenses related to testing and in-hospital care of the donor animal are paid for the program. This includes all preliminary blood work and medical-record fees. Donors accepted into the program receive free yearly physicals (including lab work and vaccines).

Volunteers are on call. Volunteers may be asked to bring their animal in for a day, during the night, on weekends, and holidays, if needed. Owners must allow their animals to be sedated, if necessary, and to have their animals shaved on the neck and forearm. Donors will have a quick physical, and a quick blood test sometime during the day at no cost to the owner, to ensure the donor is healthy enough to donate on that day.

In return for each unit donated, the donor will receive a \$25 coupon towards the purchase of any goods or services offered by the Cornell University Hospital for Animals, including pet food. The coupon is good for one year and can be used in whole or in part (rounded to the nearest dollar) at any time during that year.

The best reward for becoming a volunteer is that you and your pet may save a life. After all, the life he saves may be his own.

For information or to register your animal as a blood donor, contact Deb Watrous at [djw22@cornell.edu](mailto:djw22@cornell.edu)

# News from Departments

## James A. Baker Institute

### Welcomes

**Bonnie Baker**, assistant director of development, who relocated to Ithaca from Ft. Collins, CO where she most recently was the development director for the Humane Society for Larimer County.

**Joe Bennett**, facilities manager, who transferred from the university's department of animal science where he was the manager of the poultry farm.

**James Kijas**, research associate in Gus Aguirre's laboratory who spent the past four years working with Leif Andersson at the Swedish University of Agriculture Science in Uppsala, Sweden.

**Elizabeth McLeod**, animal technician, who previously worked in a veterinary practice near Rochester, NY.

**Dwight Lopes**, temporary assistant project manager, who was an assistant professor at the college in 1982 - 1983.

**Keith Watamura**, part-time assistant with computer needs.

## Biomedical Sciences

### Accolades

Congratulations to **Casey Isham**, administrative assistant, on her wedding engagement to Michael Moore.

## **Births**

Congratulations to **Eileen Strickland**, administrative assistant, and her husband Dale, on the birth of their first grandson, Everett Austin Strickland, born March 8.

## **Transitions**

**Patricia Curran**, technician, retired from Cornell University after 23 years of service, to take a position as adult horticulture program manager at Tompkins County Cooperative Extension.

**Christopher Murphy**, technician in Joanne Fortune's laboratory, has left to accept a position in New York City.

**Teresa Young**, technician, has left the histology unit.

## **Clinical Sciences**

### **Accolades**

Congratulations to **Scott Butler**, on his promotion to technician IV working with Bud Tennant.

### **Births**

Congratulations to **Christine Schweizer**, lecturer, and husband, Joe Wilder, on the birth of their daughter, Kistrel Sage, born April 10.

Congratulations to **Rory Todhunter**, associate professor, and **Susan Fubini**, professor, on the birth of their son, Mason Brett, born December 16, 1999.

### **Welcomes**

**Vanessa Cook**, lecturer in large animal emergency surgery

**Jessica Ekman**, technician III working with Alan Nixon

**David Rigby**, animal attendant

**Heather Roman**, technician III working with Jon Hill

## **Cornell University Hospital for Animals**

### **Transitions**

**Rich Curtiss**, anesthesia assistant

**Susan Dubreuil**, surgery assistant

**Ray Lawrence**, supervisor, materials warehouse

**Jamie Stevens**, surgery assistant

### **Welcomes**

**Jennifer Brisco**, veterinary technician in the Equine/Farm Animal Hospital

**Betsy Dayton**, supervisor, Equine/Farm Animal Hospital

**Betsy Scott**, ultrasound assistant

**Lori Tyler**, veterinary technician in the Companion Animal Hospital

**Jennifer Wildenstein**, administrative assistant in the Companion Animal Hospital

## **Diagnostic Laboratory**

### **Welcomes**

**U M Ragahavan**, postdoctoral associate, working in the laboratory of Yung-Fu Chang

**Dheenadhayalan Veerabadran**, postdoctoral associate, working in the laboratory of Yung-Fu Chang

## Lab Animal Services

### Accolades

Congratulations to **Daniel Buck**, **John Daley**, and **Robert Relyea**, for receiving the department's *Perfect Attendance Award*.

### Births

Congratulations to **Dale Strickland**, technician, and his wife **Jean**, administrative assistant, on the birth of their grandson, Evertt Austin, born March 8.

### Welcomes

**Veronique Connolly**, part-time animal technician

## Microbiology and Immunology

### Accolades

**Terry Bunn** and **Ji-Eun Lee**, graduate students in Rod Dietert's lablaboratory, gave presentations of research findings at the National Society of Toxicology (SOT) meeting in Philadelphia. Lee received a student research presentation award presented by the toxicology publishers, Taylor and Francis, Inc.

**Rodney Dietert**, professor, presented a lecture on immunotoxicology that was sponsored by the American Chemical Society in San Francisco. He also served on a two-person external evaluation committee on behalf of the University of Nebraska system to evaluate a proposed Center for Environmental Toxicology spanning the various campuses in Lincoln and Omaha. Dietert, also recently served on a grant panel dealing with Parkinson's Disease for the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.



**Ashley E. Reynolds**, graduate student in Joel Baines' laboratory, won second place in the graduate student, intern or resident category at the college's poster session at Annual Conference in March. Her poster presentation was titled "The UL31 gene product of herpes simplex virus 1 mediates rearrangement of the nuclear lamina prior to virus envelopment." The event is sponsored by Phi Zeta.

## **Welcomes**

**Sylvie Hermouet**, visiting fellow working in Jim Casey's laboratory, who is from the Institute of Biology, Laboratory of Hematology and INSERM, Nantes, France.

**Mozammal Hossain**, technician in Syed Naqi's laboratory

## **Molecular Medicine**

### **Accolades**

**Randolph Elble**, research associate, received an Idea Award from the Breast Cancer Research Fund for his proposal, "Calcium-activated chloride channels: Tumor suppressors that promote apoptosis?"

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## **Cornell Service Recognition Awards**

In July, Dean Smith hosted an awards ceremony at the college to honor staff members for their significant service to the college and university. Congratulations to everyone.

### **Thirty-five Years**

<b>J. Cherrill Wallen</b>	Biomedical Sciences
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### **Thirty Years**

<b>Lincoln Adams</b>	Baker Institute
<b>Helen Dormady</b>	Biomedical Sciences
<b>Raymond Lawrence</b>	Cornell University Hospital for Animals
<b>Susan Stein</b>	Quality Milk Promotion Services
<b>Jean Strickland</b>	Biomedical Sciences

### **Twenty-five Years**

<b>Sandra Berry</b>	Population Medicine & Diagnostic Science
<b>Wendy Brashear</b>	Cornell University Hospital for Animals
<b>Joseph Ebel, Jr.</b>	Population Medicine & Diagnostic Science
<b>Gregory Kramer</b>	Population Medicine & Diagnostic Science
<b>Mary Beth Matychak</b>	Baker Institute
<b>Amy Pellegrino</b>	Biomedical Sciences
<b>Judy Urban</b>	Cornell University Hospital for Animals

**Gene Wheeler**  
**Twenty Years**

Administration

**Lynne Anguish**

Baker Institute

**Beverley Bauman**

Microbiology & Immunology

**Lisa Jean Bowen Laue**

Population Medicine & Diagnostic Science

**Patrick Burke**

Biomedical Sciences

**Marlene Crissey**

Biomedical Sciences

**Cynthia Dekar**

Population Medicine & Diagnostic Science

**Vincent Hatch**

Quality Milk Promotion Services

**Diann La Point**

Center for Research. Animal Resources

**Joseph Leonardo**

Laboratory Animal Services

**Susan Lindsay**

Center for Research Animal Resources

**Marilyn Marion**

Cornell University Hospital for Animals

**Mary Lou Norman**

Clinical Sciences

**Linda Phelps**

Biomedical Sciences

**Debra St. Hilaire**

Quality Milk Promotion Services

**Scott Steiner**

Quality Milk Promotion Services

**Fifteen Years**

**Marie Brookman**

Budget & Financial Management

**Lawrence Carlisle**

Laboratory Animal Services

**Linda Carr**

Clinical Programs & Professional Services

**Lou Ann Graham**

Clinical Sciences

**Linda Griswold**

Research & Graduate Education

**Tammy Klock**

Population Medicine & Diagnostic Science

**Deborah Lent**

Clinical Sciences

**David Lukas**

Cornell University Hospital for Animals

**Denver Metzler, Sr.**

Research & Graduate Education

**Amanda Mott**

Public Affairs

**Cheryl O'Konsky**

Clinical Programs & Professional Services

**H. Blake Werner**

Molecular Medicine

**Ten Years**

**Tracy Brant**

Public Affairs

**Linda Bush**

Laboratory Animal Services

<b>Jacquelyn Cobay</b>	Population Medicine & Diagnostic Science
<b>Sharon Comfort</b>	Population Medicine & Diagnostic Science
<b>Debra Crane</b>	Molecular Medicine
<b>Patricia Easton</b>	Population Medicine & Diagnostic Science
<b>Michael Friedman</b>	Flower-Sprecher Library
<b>Peter Harpending</b>	Population Medicine & Diagnostic Science
<b>Frank Jago, Jr.</b>	Laboratory Animal Services
<b>William Lamberton</b>	Equine Drug Testing
<b>Linda Lamphere</b>	Laboratory Animal Services
<b>Roger Langley</b>	Population Medicine & Diagnostic Science
<b>Denise Mahaney</b>	Clinical Programs & Professional Services
<b>Denice Markley-Heichel</b>	Baker Institute
<b>Jane Papegaay</b>	Research & Graduate Education
<b>Dorothy Scorelle</b>	Baker Institute
<b>Judith Sobczak</b>	Cornell University Hospital for Animals
<b>John Straight</b>	Clinical Sciences
<b>Wendy Weichert</b>	Baker Institute
<b>Alexis Wenski-Roberts</b>	Biomedical Sciences

## **Five Years**

<b>Julie Alling</b>	Baker Institute
<b>Heather Archibald</b>	Molecular Medicine
<b>Bridgette Bush</b>	Budget & Financial Management
<b>Brenda Daniels</b>	Clinical Programs & Professional Services
<b>Carvel Gold</b>	Population Medicine & Diagnostic Science
<b>Joanne Lawton</b>	Quality Milk Promotion Services
<b>Allen Moore</b>	Laboratory Animal Services
<b>Joseph Piekunka</b>	Admissions
<b>Timothy Pollard</b>	Clinical Programs & Professional Services
<b>Melissa Rachlinski</b>	Microbiology & Immunology
<b>Mitchell Sutfin</b>	Equine Drug Testing
<b>Gary Urban</b>	Facilities
<b>Brenda Walsh</b>	Equine Drug Testing

# The College's Millennium Book

In celebration of the millennium, Cornell's College of Veterinary Medicine has just published a limited-edition book -- an eye-catcher, formatted as a multi-part portfolio (bound in red cloth) -- about its activities in veterinary and graduate education, clinical medicine, veterinary and biomedical research, and public health.

Titled **Beyond Traditional Boundaries: Veterinary Medicine at Cornell in the Twenty-first Century**, the book features essays, photographs, illustrations, and numerous sidebars to explore issues and trends in the field from the perspective of the number-one veterinary college in the country.

The book is meant to turn heads, to catch the attention of people -- on campus and off -- who do not know the college well. It is designed to inform its readers/browsers about the breadth of activities in which we are involved, to present the college as a leader in biomedical science, animal medicine, veterinary and graduate education -- and ultimately to strengthen our image in the public's eyes.

**Beyond Traditional Boundaries** also is now on display in the Flower-Sprecher Veterinary Library and will be available for library loan, on a section-by-section basis. You also can view the book in the college's office of public affairs.

The book's content incorporates numerous contributions of the college's millennium committee, executive staff, faculty, alumni, students, and staff. Writing is by Jeanne Griffith and Jeri Wall, assistant and associate directors of college communications. Art direction and design is by Phil Wilson; principal commissioned photography by Dede Hatch; principal commissioned illustration by William Benson. Photography and illustration also were provided by Cornell University Photography; Alexis Wenski-Roberts, photographer in the college's Image Lab; and Michael Simmons, medical illustrator in the college's office of educational development.

## Contents of the Book

The book is formatted in sections:

-- Five main booklets, each on a major theme of activity at the college:

1. One Biology, One Medicine (the universality of life processes)
2. All Species Considered (the role of veterinary and biomedical research)
3. The Best Medicine (science and technology in clinical practice)
4. Safeguarding Our Ecosystem (the complexities of protecting public health)
5. In Their Wildest Dreams (students and learning)

-- Five folders introducing specific subjects in science and medicine:

1. DNA
2. Cell Signaling
3. Zoonoses
4. Cancer
5. The Mouse

-- A timeline, titled "Markers," highlighting accomplishments of the college's first 106 years

-- An art portfolio containing five matted photographs of different animal species, and five matted illustrations of biomedical concepts:

1. dog
2. cat
3. pig
4. elephant
5. horse
6. prion
7. cancer
8. double helix
9. zooblot (a play on "immunoblot," reflecting the interrelationships of animal and human medicine)
10. one biology

## **How To Purchase a Copy**

Copies of the book are for sale to current college faculty, students, and staff at the previous advance-sales price of \$50. (This reduced price will be extended only through December 31, 2000. The book would make a beautiful holiday gift to family, friends, and colleagues interested in veterinary medicine.) Price for the general public is \$65 per

book. Tax must be collected for all NYS orders (except those paid by Cornell procurement card); shipping (anywhere in continental US) is \$5.50. Visa, MasterCard, or cash/check accepted (payable to Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine).

At select times throughout the year, there will be sales tables set up at various locations within the college (for example: atrium, cafeteria hallway, James Law auditorium, gallery). The book also is available for purchase through the Cornell Campus Store and the Statler Hotel gift shop. To order at your convenience, contact the college's Office of Public Affairs, Box 39, Schurman Hall 3-005, College of Veterinary Medicine, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853-6401; phone: (607) 253-3744; fax: (607) 253-3740; email: [cvmopa@cornell.edu](mailto:cvmopa@cornell.edu).

## **Party Planning!**

It is time to start planning for the college's 2000 Holiday Party and we are looking for volunteers to be on the planning committee. We will meet once or twice a month for about an hour to plan the festivities. Sub-committees will include advertising, crafts, decoration, entertainment, prizes, refreshments, set-up and clean up.

Our first meeting will be the second or third week of October. If you are interested in helping us continue the tradition, please e-mail Renee Cornelius at [rc48@cornell.edu](mailto:rc48@cornell.edu).

## **Annual SCAVMA auction will be held December 2, 2000.**



# News from Departments

## Administration

### Births

Congratulations to **Wendy Schwirck Roberts**, administrative assistant, and her husband, Harry, on the birth of their son, Eli, born June 16, 6 lbs. 14 oz., 20 1/2 inches.

Congratulations to **David Lee**, executive director of strategic planning and business development, and his wife, Michele, on the birth of their daughter, Anna Joy, born July 29, 7 lbs. 2 oz., 19 inches.

# **James A. Baker Institute**

## **Accolades**

**Paige Adams**, graduate student in Doug Antczak's laboratory, received a National Research Service Award from the National Institutes of Health to continue her PhD studies on ectopic transplantation of invasive trophoblas.

**Daniel Beiting**, and **Lucy Gagliardo**, technicians in Judy Appleton's laboratory, have been awarded a grant from the Cornell Council for the Arts. These grants allow students and staff to pursue artistic interests that go beyond their normal job or studies. They have chosen to use their grant money to explore patterns in nature through photography and illustration and are planning to show their final body of work in the college's gallery in May 2001.

**Fuliang Du**, graduate student, successfully completed his PhD and moved to Connecticut to take a position as a research associate at the University of Connecticut.

**Jharna Ray**, assistant professor, and **Marjory Brooks**, senior research associate, have received two years of support from the Morris Animal Foundation to develop molecular diagnostic tests for hemophilia carrier detection.

**Wen Yuan**, graduate student, successfully completed his PhD in August and plans to do his postdoctoral training at Harvard Medical School.

## **Welcomes**

**William Beltran**, graduate student in Gus Aguirre's and Jharna Ray's laboratories, who received his veterinary degree from the National Veterinary College of Alfort in France

**Helen Bird**, postdoctoral associate in Doug Antczak's laboratory, who received her PhD in human genetics from the University of Newcastle in Tyne

**Michael Duffy**, postdoctoral associate in Judy Appleton's laboratory, who just completed his PhD in parasitology from the University of New Brunswick

**Barbara Dukelow**, technician in Gus Aguirre's laboratory, who previously worked in Lab Animal Services at Cornell

**Brian Miller**, research support specialist in Gus Aguirre's laboratory, who previously worked in the Department of Food Science at Cornell

## **Transitions**

**Kim Davis**, animal technician, left in August to pursue work with a local farrier.

**Tatja Hopman**, research support specialist in Doug Antczak's laboratory, moved to the Boston area in June.

**Sara Niles-Mitkowski**, technician in Jharna Ray's laboratory, has entered the master degree program in the Field of Physiology.

**John Parker**, postdoctoral fellow, started a postdoc at Harvard Medical School in September.

**Vicki Rininger**, research support specialist, is leaving Gus Aguirre's laboratory in October and relocating to Clinton, Connecticut.

## **Biomedical Sciences**

### **Accolades**

**Lynn Capani-Czebiniak**, administrative assistant, has been chosen as one of the 25 artists to display their art at the Staff Fine Art Exhibit in the Willard Straight Hall Art Gallery. The "Priestess" will be on exhibition through October 13.

### **Births**

Congratulations to **Linda Phelps**, administrative assistant, and her husband, William, on the birth of their grandson, Ethan Michael Phelps, born July 25.

Congratulations to **Susi Varvayanis**, research support specialist, and her husband, Mark, on the birth of their son, Carl, born June 17.

### **Transitions**

**Jennifer Mulvaney**, research associate, has left the department to take a position closer to her home.

**Roy Pool**, senior lecturer, has left the department for a position at the University of Mississippi.

**Christina Wahl**, lecturer, has left the department to take a position at Wells College.

### **Welcomes**

**Sheree Beam**, resident

**Eric Christensen**, lecturer

**Ke Yu Deng**, extension associate

**Jamie Elia**, graduate student in Katherine Houpt's laboratory

**Rachael Emerson**, technician in the histology department

**Isabel Gigli**, visiting fellow in Joanne Fortune's laboratory

**Manja Holland**, graduate student in Mark Roberson's laboratory

**Guangju Ji**, post-doctoral associate in Michael Kotlikoff's laboratory

**Roger Kelly**, visiting faculty from the University of Queensland working in the necropsy area

**Cameron Knight**, lecturer

**Michael Kotlikoff**, department chair, who joins us from the University of Pennsylvania

**Jane Lee**, research support specialist in Michael Kotlikoff's laboratory

**Michelle Lenox**, technician in Cornelia Farnum's laboratory

**Paul Maza**, lecturer

**Charles Mecnas**, graduate student in Peter Nathanielsz' laboratory

**Sarah Mitkowski**, graduate student in Jharna Ray's laboratory

**Mandy O'Hara**, visiting fellow

**Donna Perry**, resident

**Jeanine Peters**, resident

**Brian Porter**, resident

**Milene Rachid**, resident

**Mark Rishniw**, graduate student in Michael Kotlikoff's laboratory

**Yong-Xiao Wang**, senior research associate in Michael Kotlikoff's laboratory

**Hong-Bo Xin**, senior research associate in Michael Kotlikoff's laboratory

**Ming Yuan Yang**, postdoctoral associate in Joanne Fortune's laboratory

**Yun-Min Zheng**, research support specialist in Michael Kotlikoff's laboratory

## **Clinical Sciences**

### **Accolades**

**Richard Hackett**, professor and acting chair, has been permanently appointed as department chairman.

### **Births**

Congratulations to **Amy Lanfair**, administrative assistant, and her husband Bob, on the birth of their daughter, Molly Kathlene, born June 8.

### **Welcomes**

**Leslie Appel**, instructor, small animal surgery and anesthesia

**Stuart Bliss**, instructor, small animal surgery

**Andrea Greiter**, post doctoral associate with Kenneth Simpson

**Karen Kearns**, instructor, wildlife medicine

**Margaret McEntee**, associate professor, oncology

**Deitrich Volkmann**, visiting associate professor, theriogenology

# **Cornell University Hospital for Animals**

## **Accolades**

**Debbie Bain**, licensed veterinary technician, Companion Animal Hospital's ophthalmology service, and **Deb Watrous**, licensed veterinary technician, Companion Animal Hospital's oncology/hematology services, have been approved as level III veterinary technicians, effective for the next year. These are the Cornell University Hospital for Animals' first licensed veterinary technicians to achieve this standard of excellence, which provides peer recognition in three areas: outstanding application of technical skills and involvement within their specialty area; substantive engagement in clinical and professional activities beyond their core specialty; and consistent professional interactions and application of Cornell University Hospital for Animals team-building skills. The LVT Career Ladder, of which the career levels are a part, was developed by a committee of Cornell University Hospital for Animals licensed veterinary technicians over the past year and a half.

## **Transitions**

**Laura Barlow**, licensed veterinary technician, oncology

**Jeanne Brohard**, licensed veterinary technician, oncology

**Deb Watrous**, licensed veterinary technician, oncology

## **Welcomes**

**Kathy Alston**, licensed veterinary technician, anesthesia

**Michelle Bezanilla**, licensed veterinary technician, ward services

**Margaret Fasnacht**, licensed veterinary technician, ward services



**Karen Frair**, licensed veterinary technician, ward services

**Kenneth Freebern**, licensed veterinary technician, ward services

**Tara Gibbon**, licensed veterinary technician, medicine

**Soshana Goldberg**, administrative assistant, client services

**Jeffrey Hobbs**, licensed veterinary technician, ward services

**Carlos Hortiguela**, licensed veterinary technician, intensive care unit

**Roberta Ingalls**, anesthesia assistant

**Deidre Meehan**, licensed veterinary technician, ward services

**Karen Moran**, licensed veterinary technician, anesthesia

**Donna Nach**, licensed veterinary technician, ward services

**Laura Nicholson**, licensed veterinary technician, intensive care unit

**Nadia Novik**, administrative assistant, client services

**Aaron Reigel**, licensed veterinary technician, intensive care unit

**Angie Struble**, licensed veterinary technician, medicine from the college's department of population medicine

**Michelle Whittaker**, licensed veterinary technician, community practice service from the college's department of biomedical sciences

# Population Medicine and Diagnostic Science

## Accolades

**Jack Henion**, professor, received an honorary doctorate from the Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Uppsala, Sweden. Henion was one of 15 individuals to receive the distinguished *Doctor Honoris Causa* degree on May 26<sup>t</sup> during the university's 400-year-old commencement ceremony. This is Dr. Henion's second honorary doctorate, following a similar award he received in 1992 from the University of Ghent, Belgium. The award was granted in recognition of his pioneering work in liquid chromatography/mass spectrometry (LC/MS) and related techniques. He is credited with several seminal innovations, including co-invention of the ion spray interface, a modification to electrospray ionization (ESI) that allowed ionization at higher flow-rates. This interface was commercialized by PE SCIEX in 1989 and has since made electrospray one of the most popular and powerful methods for LC/MS analysis of drug-related compounds. A key detection tool for drug discovery and development, LC/MS is used to quantify trace compounds in various matrices.

**Donald Lein**, department chair and director of the Diagnostic Laboratory, was elected to serve a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the National Institute for Animal Agriculture Board of Directors. Lein was elected to the 15-member board at the inaugural membership meeting held in Corpus Christi, Texas, in April, and was also elected by the board to serve as secretary. Lein will assist the board in implementing the programs, policies, and resolutions of the organization. Along with the other directors elected to the board, Lein will help to make an impact on the future of animal health, animal welfare, and food safety issues. The mission of the National Institute for Animal Agriculture (NIAA), formerly known as the Livestock Conservation Institute, is to be the forum for building consensus and advancing solutions for animal agriculture, and provides continuing education and communication linkages for animal agriculture professionals.

# Microbiology and Immunology

## Accolades

Congratulations to **Tim Becken**, animal technician, and his wife, Nikki, on the birth of their daughter, September 6.

**Paul Bowser**, professor, was elected vice president of the Fish Health Section of the American Fisheries Society, assuming that office in September. He will become president-elect in September 2001-02 and president in 2002-03. The Fish Health Section of the American Fisheries Society is the society's largest section. It's members focus attention on fish health problems through research, education and dissemination of appropriate information and to foster effective fish health practices through communication and cooperation with government and private interests.

Congratulations to **Carrie Markowski**, PhD student, on her marriage to Ole Grimsrud on July 15 in Sage Chapel.

## Transitions

**Allisan Aquilina**, technician in Ted Clark's laboratory, transferred to Cornell's Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics in the Biotechnology Building.

**Susan Bliss**, PhD student in Eric Denkers' laboratory, will be leaving to do a postdoc at the University of Rochester.

**Barbara Butcher**, senior research associate, transferred from Eric Denkers' laboratory to David Russell's laboratory.

**Georgina Cheng**, technician in Ted Clark's laboratory, left to attend medical school at the University of Illinois, Champaign.

**Erika Feeney**, technician in Ed Pearce's laboratory, left Cornell University to pursue other opportunities.

## **Welcomes**

**Soumaya (Sue) Bennouna** who has joined the Field of Immunology as a PhD student on rotation

**Laura Del Rio**, three-month visiting scientist from the University of Murcia, Spain, who has joined Eric Denkers' laboratory

**Kathy Earnest-Koons**, lecturer, who has rejoined the department and serves as the course support specialist with foundation course IV. She is also the biosafety officer at the college.

**Eliza Enstine**, technician, who joined the avian disease program with Benjamin Lucio

**Kerstin Hoener zu Bentrup**, research associate in David Russell's laboratory

**Leesun Kim**, who has joined the Field of Immunology as a PhD student on rotation

**Keyi Liu**, research associate in David Russell's laboratory

**Monica Mason**, Cornell DVM 2000, who has joined Edward Pearce's laboratory as a PhD student

**Myrna Miller** who joined Ton Schat's laboratory as PhD student

**Shankar Mondal**, extension associate in the avian disease program with Benjamin Lucio

**Henry Mwandumba**, six-month visiting scholar from the Queen Elisabeth Central Hospital, Wellcome Research Lab in Blantyre, Malawi, Southern Africa and the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, UK

**Gurusher Panjra**th who has joined the Field of Immunology as a PhD student on rotation

**Beth Rhoades**, research associate in David Russell's laboratory

**David G. Russell**, professor and department chair. Dr. Russell comes to the college from Washington University, St. Louis, MO.

**Dana Swenson**, senior research associate in David Russell's laboratory

**Joachim Ullrich**, research associate in David Russell's laboratory

**Jinzhi Yu**, research technician in David Russell's laboratory

**Min Zhu** who joined Ton Schat's laboratory as PhD student

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## **News from Departments**

### **Anatomy**

#### **Deaths**

**Marion Newson**, former staff artist in the department of Anatomy, died last June in Vancouver, B.C. She was appointed by then Dean William Hagan to illustrate Professor Miller's *Anatomy of the Dog*. She was the primary illustrator for *Miller's Anatomy of the Dog* by Evans, *Guide to the Dissection of the Dog* by Evans & deLahunta, *Applied Veterinary Anatomy* by de Lahunta and Habel, as well as numerous papers by faculty. A native of Prince Edward Island, she has been honored by the Atlantic Veterinary College there. Her work is known throughout the world.

# **James A. Baker Institute**

## **Accolades**

**Douglas Antczak**, professor, recently received the 2000 Distinguished Veterinary Immunologist Award from the American Association of Veterinary Immunologists. The AAVI presented the award at the Conference of Research Workers in Animal Diseases in Chicago on November 13.

**Reinhard Straubinger**, research associate, returned to Germany in November where he had accepted an academic position at the University of Leipzig in the Institute of Immunology within the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine.

## **Welcomes**

**Dave Edwards**, maintenance mechanic

**Julie Reynolds**, animal care

**Christine Thannhauser**, animal care

**Jonathan Wood**, animal care



## Biomedical Sciences

### Accolades

Congratulations to **Han-Chen Ho**, a graduate student working in the Susan Suarez's laboratory, and **Chun-Yao Chen** on their recent marriage. Chun-Yao is also a graduate student in the Field of Veterinary Medicine, working in Paul. Bowser's laboratory in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology. They became engaged last year on Chinese Valentine's Day. Their official engagement was performed in front of family before the wedding ceremony. Both ceremonies took place in Taiwan on November 28.

**Brian Summers**, professor, was invited to Japan in April to speak at several institutions, including universities and private pathology laboratories. He also participated in the annual meeting of the Japanese Society for Veterinary Science held in Tsukuba.

In June, Summers was inducted as a Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists in London, in recognition of his contributions to veterinary neuropathology. He is one of very few pathologists in the world with membership of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists and the Royal College of Pathologists.

### Births

Congratulations to **Bonnie Lamkin**, accounts representative, and her husband, Tom, on the birth of their son, Thomas, born September 12.

Congratulations to **Brad Yu**, graduate student, and his wife Juchen Huang, on the birth of their son, Ezra, born October 13.

### Transitions

**Matthew Jacobsen**, resident, has completed his residency training and has returned to Ireland.

**Tom Lamkin**, research support specialist, has decided to return to school and is now a graduate student in environmental toxicology working in Andrew Yen's laboratory.

**Tamas Nagy**, resident, has completed his residency training and will begin his graduate studies in the Department of Clinical Sciences in Bud Tennant's laboratory.

## **Welcomes**

**Donna Bamforth**, administrative assistant

**Cynthia Bowen**, technician, histology laboratory

**Andrea Flesken-Nikitin**, research support specialist

**Caroline Hebert**, account representative

**Qi-Bing Mei**, visiting professor in Michael Kotlikoff's laboratory

**Alexander Nikitin**, assistant professor

**Kai Su**, technician in Michael Kotlikoff's laboratory

## **Clinical Sciences Transitions**

**Stephan Bent**, technician III in Alan Nixon's laboratory, has left to attend graduate school at the University of Idaho.

## **Welcomes**

**Thaddeus Adams**, technician III in Alan Nixon's laboratory

**James Brett Woodie**, assistant professor of large-animal surgery

## **Cornell University Hospital for Animals Transitions**

**Wendy Brashear**, administrative assistant, retired from Cornell University with more than 25 years of service.

**Jeffrey Hobbs**, veterinary technician, transferred from ward services to radiology.

**Susan Long**, veterinary technician, retired after 24 years of service with the University.

## **Welcomes**

**Carrie Crowley**, veterinary technician, Equine and Farm Animal Hospital

**Lilynn Graves**, veterinary technician, anesthesia

**Sharon Harvey**, veterinary technician, small animal surgery

## **Laboratory Animal Services**

### **Accolades**

Congratulations to **Robert Relyea**, animal technician, for receiving the *Perfect Attendance Award*.

## **Office of Educational Development Welcomes**

**Julie Powell**, courseware programmer

**Franz Sugarman**, courseware developer

## **Population Medicine and Diagnostic Science Transitions**

**Michael Brunner**, dairy extension veterinarian, retired in November with more than 20 years of service with Cornell. He has accepted a position at the Michigan Department of Agriculture to be closer to his children and grandchildren.

**Helen Bell**, administrative assistant, will retire on December 29. She has been employed with Cornell for 23 years.

## **Research and Graduate Education**

### **Births**

Congratulations to **Doug McGregor**, professor, on the birth of his first grandson Christopher Robert, weighing 8 lbs. 2 oz.



## **Students**

### **Student Ambassadors**

It is our pleasure to announce the names of our newest College of Veterinary Medicine student ambassadors! Each has completed two training sessions to learn the basics of “who we are” here at the college and are now prepared to guide their first tour and engage in other activities as representatives of the college.

The role of student ambassadors is critical to our mission and vision. As the college community moves forward, our ambassadors will be front-line in dealing with the public and those interested in our college. In addition, as they progress in their student careers, they will be interacting with students, faculty, and staff from other veterinary colleges throughout the country, and in each of those interactions be representing Cornell's College of Veterinary Medicine.

Please join us in welcoming this new group of ambassadors from the DVM Class of 2004!

**Melissa Babbie**

**Katherine Goldberg**

**Dana Hatfield**

**Israel Isenberg**

**Stephanie Janeczko**

**Erin Klene**

**Mike Kiselow**

**Tricia Mackey**

**Heather J. Scheuerman**

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