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Graduates— then



Members of the Class of 1953 were honored at the 40th Annual Veterinary Conference and Alumni Reunion in April.

& now

Members of the Class of 2003 are shown minutes after they received their hard-earned DVMs and became the new group of College alumni.



Achievers — then and now



Dr. David P. Anderson received this year's J.T. Mercer Lifetime Achievement Award. He retired in 1996 after a record-setting 21 years of service as the fifth dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, in addition to 27 years as a faculty member of the College.



Arathi Vinayak, '03, was honored as the fourth year student with the highest cumulative scholastic average at the College. She received an engraved plaque, a certificate, and \$100 from the Xi Chapter of Phi Zeta in honor of Dr. Clifford E. Westerfield.



Jonathan Anderson, '03, was recognized as the outstanding fourth year student based on personality, professional proficiency, and scholastic achievement. He received a \$500 scholarship and had his name engraved on the gold Dean Emeritus Thomas J. Jones Cup, which is displayed at the College.

Brenda Horton is honored by the Class of 2003

Members of The Class of 2003 chose as their senior gift a trust fund in honor of Brenda Horton, longtime program coordinator and friend of students in the Office of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.



The purpose of the Brenda Horton Trust Fund is to support student activities at the College through the Office of Academic Affairs.

In presenting the gift at the Honors and Awards Banquet in April, class president Jonathan Anderson said the fund was established to recognize Horton's "tremendous service to the class of 2003, previous classes, and future classes.

"Brenda's compassion and loving attitude has made the veterinary educational experience extra special. She is our other mother, our friend, and our colleague."

For information on making contributions or pledges to the Brenda Horton Trust Fund, contact the Development Office, gifts@vet.uga.edu or 706/583.0154.

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Vaccinologist joins CVM faculty as Eminent Scholar



A specialist in vaccine development and treatment approaches for respiratory virus infections joined the faculty as a

Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar on May 1.

Ralph A. Tripp, section chief of the Viral Immunology Section in the Respiratory and Enteric Viruses Branch of the CDC since 1997, joined the College's Department of Medical Microbiology and Parasitology as GRA Eminent Scholar in Animal Health Vaccine Development.

Tripp's research focuses on understanding the mechanisms of immunity and disease pathogenesis associated with respiratory virus infections.

His studies specialize in understanding the foundation of innate and adaptive immune responses to viral respiratory infections.

The Georgia Research Alliance, started in 1990, is a partnership of state government, private industry

and six leading research universities in Georgia, including UGA.

As part of its mission to leverage university research for economic development purposes, GRA provides the universities with support to help recruit scientists, known as eminent scholars, whose research can yield economic benefit to the state.

While the ultimate expectation for the position is cutting-edge research, "Dr. Tripp also will be responsible for enhancing technology transfer to the public sector by collaborating with other college faculty members who are doing vaccine research," says Keith W. Prasse, CVM dean. "The overarching mission is technology transfer between research universities and the private sector.

"Dr. Tripp is on the cutting edge of molecular science focused on vaccine development," said Prasse. "He is highly qualified, excited about the responsibilities of the position and eager to begin.

"His appointment will seal a growing scientific relationship between the College of Veterinary Medicine and the CDC and greatly expands the College's work in animal health vaccine development."



A family affair

It was a proud moment for professor emeritus John F. Munnell when he hooded his granddaughter, Dixie Lynne Gallitz, at the College of Veterinary Medicine's graduation ceremony on May 3. Dr. Munnell retired in 1998 but still teaches an introductory anatomy course. Dr. Gallitz is now working in a small animal practice in North Carolina.



Update on exotics service is focus of new *Colleagues*

The March issue of *Colleagues*, published for veterinary practitioners by the CVM Hospital, features news about important changes in the Exotic Animal, Wildlife, and Zoological Medicine Service.

To receive a free copy, please email your name and address to hospital@vet.uga.edu.

Spring is for classmates, kudos, and CE credits

41st Annual Veterinary Conference and Alumni Reunion

April 16-18, 2004

1954 1959 1964 1969 1974 1979 1984 1989 1994 1999

Hope to see you there!



Their achievements make us proud



J.T. Mercer Lifetime Achievement Award

Dr. David P. Anderson

Dr. Anderson served as dean of the College from 1975 until his retirement in 1996. During that time, the number of faculty members grew from 72 to 116, especially in wildlife and avian medicine; the budget rose from \$9 million in 1975 to \$28 million in 1996; and the College assumed a leadership role in computer-assisted instruction.

In addition to his administrative and academic activities, Dr. Anderson has made significant contributions to research, particularly in environmental influences on avian respiratory diseases.



Distinguished Alumnus Award

Dr. Fred Arnold, Class of 1958

Dr. Arnold began his veterinary career in a four-man practice, then went on to specialize in reproductive work on thoroughbred horses in and around Lexington, Kentucky. For many years he was one of two veterinarians who served on the Keeneland Association's Selection Team, flying all over the country to select the finest thoroughbred yearlings for the Keeneland thoroughbred sales.

He also was very active in professional organizations, especially the American Association of Equine Practitioners, of which he was president in 1988.



Distinguished Service Award

Dr. C. Gary Bullard, Class of 1969

Dr. Bullard's service to the College, the profession, and the community began as soon as he earned his DVM. He was declared Veterinarian of the Year by Cobb County, the Greater Atlanta Veterinary Society, and GVMA.

He also was honored by the Onondaga County Veterinary Medical Association, the Douglas County Humane Society, Northwest Veterinary Medical Society, the Atlanta Journal, and Omega Tau Sigma.

The city of Austell awarded him the key to the city for his civic achievements.



Distinguished Alumnus Award

Dr. Diedrich O. (Deke) Beusse, Class of 1958

Dr. Beusse began his veterinary career treating exotic animals, but in 1972 he started more than two decades of work with killer whales, dolphins, penguins, sea turtles, and especially manatees, eventually becoming a pioneer in the care of marine mammals all over the world.

He has treated marine animals and lectured on the subject in Iceland, Holland, Italy, Brazil, Hudson Bay, and the Arctic Circle. Dr. Beusse has been contract veterinarian for Sea World of Florida, Universal Studios, and Walt Disney World, and is now professor and director, Marine Mammal Medicine, College of Veterinary Medicine, at the University of Florida.



Distinguished Alumnus Award

Governor Sonny Perdue, Class of 1971

When he was in the ninth grade, Governor Perdue decided to become a veterinarian, combining his love of animals with a desire to have a stable profession. After receiving a DVM from the UGA College of Veterinary Medicine, he worked as a veterinarian for three years in the Air Force and an additional three years in private practice, but discovered that he wanted to use his talents on a bigger stage. In 1990, following a successful business career, he was elected to the Georgia State Senate. This launched his political career, culminating in his election to the governorship.



Distinguished Alumnus Award

Dr. C. Tom Rainey, Class of 1958

Dr. Rainey was an instructor in small animal medicine at the College, before he established his own hospital in Miami.

One fateful day in August 1992, his hospital was completely destroyed by Hurricane Andrew — the most destructive hurricane in U.S. history. For two years while his hospital was being rebuilt, Dr. Rainey continued his practice in a double-wide trailer in the parking lot.

The environment has been the focus of his public service. Governor Bob Graham appointed him to the Florida Game and Freshwater Fish Commission for two five-year terms.



Young Achiever Award

Dr. Bente Flatland, Class of 1993

While Dr. Flatland was a resident at Virginia Tech, a client endowed a scholarship in her name in gratitude for her excellent care of the client's dog.

Dr. Flatland brought expertise in flexible endoscopy to the Department of Small Animal Medicine and Surgery at UGA, and helped develop a new endoscopy suite.

An assistant professor of internal medicine in the department for the past two years, she is known as an innovator and active participant in resident instruction. She was recently named coservice chief of the Small Animal Medical Section.

Who will be honored next year?

It's up to you.

Please send us your nomination on the enclosed form.

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40th Annual Veterinary Conference
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April 4-6, 2003



UGA adds green to red and black

Returning alums will see a greener South Campus and still more construction projects under way around the College of Veterinary Medicine.

The section of the pedestrian mall which connects Carlton Street with Green Street along D.W. Brooks Drive is now complete. The next phase of the project will extend the walkways and greenery to Cedar Street.

But there's more going on under ground.

Earth moving machinery is digging huge ditches all around the College and Small Animal Hospital in order to add the utilities needed to support the technology in the future Paul D. Coverdell Center for Biomedical and Health Sciences.

Coverdell Center to be our new neighbor

Construction of the Paul D. Coverdell Center for Biomedical and Health Sciences, across the street from the College's front entrance, will begin this summer and is expected to be completed in two years.

The building will accommodate UGA's growing biomedical, technology, and research sectors. A groundbreaking ceremony at the site of the future building, now a parking lot at Ag Drive and Carlton Street, took place in January.

The 135,000 square foot, \$40 million building will be funded by a combination of federal, state and university dollars.

The center will serve as a memorial to Paul Coverdell who served as a state senator and the director of the Peace Corps before winning two terms as U.S. senator.



How to view and order photos taken at the Reunion

Class photos and candid shots are stored on a Kodak website. You can view them and order them by going to www.ofoto.com and signing in on the right side of the welcome page where it says **returning members**.

Use this email address dsparer@vet.uga.edu and this password **reunion2003** and click on **sign in**.

The next page will show you the various albums of photos that are available for you to look at.

Click on the album you want to open. You will see thumbnails (small

photos) of all the pictures in that album, but you can click on any photo to make it bigger.

If you'd like prints of any photos, click on **buy prints** and follow the directions. Notice that you can order any quantity in any size, with or without frames.

By clicking on **Ofoto Store** you will see a variety of other uses for your photos, such as printing them on personalized calendars, t-shirts, photo cards, albums, and a variety of other gifts.

When you are finished ordering, you will be asked for your mailing address and credit card number.



You will have an opportunity to review your order before you submit it. You will also receive a confirmation of your order via email.

If you have any problems finding or ordering photos, please call or email Dot Sparer, dsparer@vet.uga.edu, 542-1446.

Professor emeritus John Brown dies

Dr. John Brown, professor emeritus, Medical Microbiology and Parasitology, died on April 1 after an extended illness. He retired from the College in 1995 after 28 years on the faculty.

An alumnus of the College, Class of 1960, Dr. Brown earned his MS and PhD at the University of Wisconsin. He was a member of the AVMA, USAHA, American Association of Avian Pathologists, American Statistical Association, and the Animal Disease Research Workers in Southern States.

Dr. Brown's real passion for the past 15 years has been baking his special seven-grain rolls, specialty cheese cakes, cinnamon-raisin bread, pound cake, and chocolate chip cookies.

While he baked regularly for friends, his favorite activity was baking special multi-grain dog and cat bones for the annual St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals at the UGA Catholic Center.

A helpful way to memorialize a client's pet

When a client's pet dies, a gift to the College of Veterinary Medicine by the client's veterinarian benefits everyone.

- It helps the client cope with the loss of a treasured companion
- It helps the veterinarian who receives a tax deduction as well as the client's appreciation for a thoughtful gesture
- It helps the College improve the health of future generations of animals

Here's how it works

The pet's owner receives a letter of condolence from the College acknowledging the veterinarian's generosity. A copy of the letter is sent to the veterinarian making the donation.

Contributions can be made to a variety of funds, including the College of Veterinary Medicine Fund, the Companion Animal Fund, and the Veterinary Medicine Hospital Building Fund which is set up to help build a new teaching hospital.

Please address questions about making a memorial contribution to Kathy Bangle, Director of Development, gifts@vet.uga.edu or 706/583.0154.



Drug developed for dogs is approved for human use

People with chronic dry eye will have access to a new treatment this spring, thanks to Renee Kaswan, an ophthalmology professor at the College of Veterinary Medicine from 1984 to 2000.

While many prescription drugs are developed for people and later used for dogs, "this may be the first time a drug has been developed first for veterinary use and then tested and approved for use in human

patients," Kaswan said.

She began developing and implementing a treatment for dry eye — a common cause of canine blindness — more than a decade ago. She found that ultra-low doses of cyclosporine are an effective treatment for dry eye in dogs.

Her canine drug invention, Optimune®, was the first of its kind and was approved for use in dogs in 1994. The late UGA IV was

among the first dogs to benefit from the treatment, which is now marketed in more than 35 countries.

In December 2002, the FDA approved the drug RESTASIS™ for chronic dry eye in humans.

Kaswan's research netted her the university's Inventor of the Year Award in 1998 and its Creative Research Medal in 1992.



Drs. Karl Dockery Senior and Junior attended the 40th Annual Veterinary Conference and Alumni Reunion in April, celebrating their 50th-year reunion and their 25th-year reunion, respectively.

Who's at risk for West Nile disease?

The Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study at the College receives numerous questions about birds and mammals which are or are not at risk of developing clinical disease after being exposed to the West Nile virus, according to Danny Mead, assistant research scientist.

SCWDS has been collaborating with the Georgia Department of Human Resources, Division of Public Health, since 2000 to conduct arbovirus surveillance in Georgia.

Since it was introduced into the U.S., WNV infection has been detected in more than 121 avian species, says Mead, and in a variety of other animals, including alpaca,

bats, cats, dogs, goats, llamas, rabbits, sheep, squirrel, and wolves.

"It's probably safe to assume that any species of bird or mammal is susceptible to WNV infection," Mead believes, but adds that WNV apparently does not pose a significant morbidity or mortality factor for species other than birds, horses, and humans. "Reports of clinical disease in other animals are few."

Animals and humans that have an underlying health condition or compromised immune system have a higher risk of developing clinical West Nile disease, Mead says.

Special Offer to CVM Alumni



Jill Leite's original watercolors and prints are collected by University officials, faculty, and generations of alumni.

Signed and numbered by the artist, preserved with the finest materials and craftsmanship, this stately scene of the College is available double-matted and framed. Perfect gifts for alumni.

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Fall is for food, fellowship, fun, and football

Join us at the annual Fall Social on September 6 before the first football home game of the year with Middle Tennessee State.

Food and fellowship will be served in the College's Student Lobby starting about two hours before game time (to be announced).

Please let us know if we can expect you. RSVP your acceptance only to alumni director Belinda Wells, bwells@vet.uga.edu or 706/542.5732 by August 22.

Alumni and faculty newsmakers

Got news? Let us hear about it. Email alumni@vet.uga.edu.

Dr. William F. Moffett, '71, was elected to the U.S. Trotting Association Board of Directors. He recently retired from his veterinary practice and spends most of his time training and racing. Horses he has trained have won \$1.44 million.

Dr. Michaela Austel instructor, Small Animal Medicine, won first place for clinical research at the national meeting of the American College of Veterinary Dermatology.

Dr. Corrie Brown professor, Pathology, was appointed to the National Academies of Science Committee on Genomic Databases for Bioterrorism Threat Agents: Striking a Balance for Information Sharing." Purpose of the committee is to recommend what scientific information should be released to the general public.



Dr. Larry Cornelius professor, Small Animal Medicine, retired in June, 2002, after 28 years with the College. He has been approved as Professor Emeritus by the Board of Regents.

Dr. Bente Flatland '93, assistant professor, Small Animal Medicine, was named a Lilly fellow for the 2003-4 academic year.

Dr. Stanley Kleven distinguished research professor and head, Avian Medicine, received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Minnesota recognizing his research advancements in poultry health.

Dr. Clarence Rawlings professor, Small Animal Medicine, received the AVMA's 2003 Innovative Veterinary Diets Fido Award for advancement of small animal medicine and surgery.

Dr. Cynthia Trim professor, Large Animal Medicine, was honored with the University's Meigs Award for Excellence in Teaching.



Dr. Scott Brown professor, Physiology and Pharmacology, received both the University's Meigs Award for Excellence in Teaching as well as the national Carl J. Norden Distinguished Teacher Award.



Dr. Paige Carmichael assistant professor, Pathology, received the College's Norden Distinguished Teacher Award selected on the basis of character, leadership, and teaching ability as judged by her students.

Letters from readers:

Gone With the Wind — Almost



At the Reunion Banquet (April 5) I was seated with Gary Bullard ('69), and told him about our experience with Hurricane Andrew which completely destroyed my hospital.

Two weeks before Andrew struck, one of our clients asked if he could review our coverage and perhaps get us a better deal. I agreed and he switched us from St. Paul to Continental.

We signed the contract on August 9 and on August 23 we were wiped out by Andrew.

But during the two years while the hospital was being rebuilt, we were able to continue the practice in a double-wide trailer in the parking lot of the demolished hospital, thanks to our new insurance coverage with Continental. Our coverage with St. Paul had no business interruption clause, but our policy with Continental did. And that kept us alive!

I had never checked our policy for the business interruption feature so this was indeed a fortunate turn of events. As for Gary Bullard, he said he was going out to check his policy the very next day.

I hope my retelling of this incident will also be helpful to some of your other readers.

C. Tom Rainey, DVM, '58

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We do. Getting in touch with us will be easier, faster, and less expensive if you use our new email addresses:

alumni@vet.uga.edu for any alumni news or alumni business, including news for Aesculapian

gifts@vet.uga.edu for donations or any other correspondence with our Development Office

hospital@vet.uga.edu for questions about referrals.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Continuing Education Calendar

- June 27.Advanced Minimally Invasive Surgery7.5 CE hours
- June 28-29 . . .Introduction to Arthroscopy11 CE hours
- June 29-30 . . .Small Animal Soft Tissue Rigid Endoscopy .15 CE hours
- Aug. 17Athens Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory Seminar
- Aug. 23-24 . . .Anesthesia and Critical Patient Care
- Sept. 21Small Animal Dermatology
- Oct. 17-18 . . .Introduction to Arthroscopy1 CE hours
- Oct. 18-19 . . .Small Animal Soft Tissue Rigid Endoscopy .15 CE hours
- Nov. 1-2Psychopharmacology for Veterinarians
- Nov. 8-9Small Animal Soft Tissue Surgery
- Dec. 6-7Small Animal Oncology
- Dec. 13-14 . . .Exotic Animal Endoscopy

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