Daylong Fun to Kick Off Campaign

SUSAN YARBOROUGH

The Medical College of Georgia Appreciation Day, a daylong State Charitable Contributions Campaign kickoff for the Medical College of Georgia community, will be held Saturday, Oct. 12 at Riverview Park in North Augusta. Softball, volleyball, horseshoes, live music, dancing and special activities for kids are just some of the things tentatively planned.

"It's going to be a day for the whole family," said Dr. David Bass, Assistant Dean for Business Affairs at the School of Nursing, who is coordinating the kickoff. "We want to show MCG employees our appreciation for the support they give the campaign by giving them a day of fun and relaxation. A lot of the departments have consistently had 100 percent participation in the program, and they deserve a good time." The campaign supports many charitable organizations, including the local United Way, which includes many charitable agencies and organizations; independent charitable organizations such as the American Heart Association, the American Lung Association and the American Cancer Society; and federated charitable organizations such as the Atlanta Black United Fund, the Environmental Fund for Georgia and the Combined Health Appeal.

For more information, call Dr. Bass, ext. 1-3841.

Parents Can Help Soothe Back-to-School Jitters

CAROLE JONES SMITH

Little Johnny's excited.

The day has finally come to go back to school. He's decked out in his new shirt with lunch box in hand, ready to meet the bus. But all of a sudden, the tears start to flow and everything changes. Back-to-school jitters have taken over.

"School jitters are very common, and probably the most common factor involved is fear of the unknown," said Dr. Alex Mabe, Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Health Behavior at the Medical College of Georgia. "Children fear what the school and teachers are going to be like, and whether or not they will be able to do the work."

Sometimes children exhibit this anxiety by constantly talking about school or by refusing to discuss it. Occasionally physical complaints arise. Children may fear not finding their old friends at school and having to face the overwhelming task of making new friends. These worries can also create havoc with eating and sleeping habits.

However, there are several ways parents can help alleviate these anxieties.

"Anything that will help the parent to become involved with the school and get to know what's going on can be a great advantage," said Dr. Mabe. "The parent should talk to, but not interrogate, the child. By maintaining good communication, children will be more likely to share their feelings."

The parent should talk to, but not interrogate, the child. By maintaining good communication, children will be more likely to share their feelings. Other suggestions include adjusting the child's nightly routine in advance, setting up a morning routine that includes a nutritious breakfast and communicating positive expectations. If the difficulties persist, school phobia may be the culprit although it only occurs in about 1 percent of the general population.

"If a child refuses to go to school, this may reflect a problem at home causing the child to be afraid to leave," said Dr. Mabe. "Or the child may be afraid to go to school because of peer relationships. Unfortunately, 1 out of 10 children are going to be victimized by a bully."

Poor academic performance can be another contributing factor. "About 1 out of 4 children are not going to be very successful in a classroom, so they look at school as a very bad experience for them."

Although younger children first come to mind when you think of back-to-school jitters, middle school or high school students may experience the problem for different reasons. Peer pressure, insecurity or problems involving violence may cause older students to become reluctant toward school. They may disguise this by adopting an indifferent attitude toward school.

"Older children's fears may be more complicated and it may take longer to get over these anxieties," said Dr. Mabe. "But generally younger children are fairly resilient and get over things fairly quickly."
**Dr. Erbland Comes Full Circle at MCG**

**CAROLE JONES SMITH**

When Dr. John Erbland joined the Medical College of Georgia School of Dentistry faculty in 1972, he was both part-time student and part-time faculty member.

He and four classmates comprised the school’s fourth dental class.

“All five of us already had our Ph.Ds,” said Dr. Erbland, Associate Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. “We came here to get our dental degree and teach. [MCG faculty] Norris O’Dell and Gary Whitford were also in that class.”

Although moving from the Boston area to Augusta required an adjustment, seeing familiar faces at MCG eased the transition.

“When I was completing my Ph.D. in biological chemistry at the University of Rochester, all graduate students were required to teach a course,” said Dr. Erbland. “But at that time, I didn’t know I was teaching my future colleagues—Tom Dirksen, Louis Gangarosa, Ralph McKinney and Baldev Singh.”

After teaching biochemistry for many years, Dr. Erbland, who retired June 30, considers his students to be his greatest source of pride.

“My greatest reward has been teaching students who developed an interest in this material and have realized its importance down the line,” said Dr. Erbland.

In biochemistry, his research focused on lipid metabolism and the effect of carcinogens on its formation. Dr. Erbland attempted to instill in his students information useful in treating an aging population. Sometimes students found the material difficult.

“They would say their dentist did not use biochemistry,” said Dr. Erbland. “In turn, I would ask them if their dentist used English or mathematics! I tried to explain that it was all part of their information base. I told them just because I didn’t use every book in the library did not mean I could make the argument that I didn’t need the library.”

Dr. Erbland is proud to have contributed to his students’ education and looks forward to their continuing friendship. He remembers being a dental student and, in fact, one of his fondest memories is his own graduation from dental school.

He also recalls when his office was a parking lot under the dental school.

“We were glad when they filled this area in and converted it into office space,” said Dr. Erbland. “We were all afraid that some faculty members who kept hitting the support beams in the parking lot would cause the building to collapse.”

As a retiree, Dr. Erbland is continuing his work with Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit organization that builds low-cost housing for the underprivileged.

“My church [St. Mary on the Hill Catholic Church] has built two homes for Habitat, and we’re working on the second one now,” said Dr. Erbland.

Also, he and his wife, Nancy, belong to the Augusta Genealogical Society. The couple plans to trace its family history by researching historical county records in New York and Pennsylvania. Travel time also will include visiting their

**Dr. Mahesh Presented Reproduction Award**

Dr. Virendra B. Mahesh, Chairman of the Medical College of Georgia Department of Physiology and Endocrinology, has been awarded the Society for the Study of Reproduction’s Carl G. Hartman Award, the society’s highest award honoring an individual’s career in reproductive biology.

The award was presented at the society’s 29th annual meeting July 27-30 in London, Ontario. Dr. Mahesh also chaired a symposium featured during the meeting related to the field of reproduction. Also, three MCG research papers were presented at the meeting, and Drs. Darrell W. Brann and Lawrence B. Hendry, Associate Professors of the MCG Department of Physiology and Endocrinology, were invited symposia speakers. Dr. Brann also co-chaired a symposium.

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**Library Donation**

MCG President Francis J. Tedesco accepts a sculptured bust of the Greek god of medicine, Aesculapius, presented to MCG Aug. 14 by Dr. Phyllis O’Neal [School of Medicine, ’43, second from left] in honor of her husband, Dr. John O’Neal III [School of Medicine, ’44]. At right are Dr. O’Neal’s children. The bust is in the first-floor garden area of the library.

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Retired Dentist Turns Into Travelin’ Man

CAROLE JONES SMITH

If you’re considering a trip, don’t visit a travel agency — see Dr. Billy Powell. Chances are he has the information you need; his calendar is chock-full of trips booked through 2002. Dr. Powell, Associate Professor of Oral Diagnosis and Patient Services, retired June 30 from the Medical College of Georgia School of Dentistry.

“People kept asking me what I was going to do when I retired,” said Dr. Powell. “So I decided I would hate to retire and then spend three more years deciding what I was going to do.” Retirement plans actually began four years ago when he and his wife, Ann, purchased their first motor home, a small Winnebago.

“Walt Disney World, Tulsa, Okla., and the Rose Parade. They also attended the Olympics in Atlanta. ‘I’ve always enjoyed traveling,’ said Dr. Powell. ‘But I’ve never really had as much time to spend in any one place as I would have liked.’

“We were tremendously impressed by the people we talked to. We really felt drawn to the university,” said Dr. Powell. “So we took our daughter to college one week, then packed up after 20 years and headed for Tulsa, Okla.”

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After three persistent telephone calls from the new dental school at Oral Roberts University, the Powells agreed to visit.

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and Dr. Powell kept their promises.

The move back to Georgia evolved into 12 productive years as Director of the Diagnosis Clinic and Treatment Planning Board at MCG where he trained future dentists to identify and devise effective treatment plans for patients.

Some of Dr. Powell’s fondest memories were faculty retreats the former Dean, Dr. Hickey, required annually. The two-day retreats were held at Hickory Knob Park on Lake Thurmond, S.C., and consisted of both professional development and fellowship.

“Every year, all the faculty would moan and groan about going to the retreat,” said Dr. Powell. “But everybody ended up having a good time.”

Dr. Powell treasures his students more than anything.

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what a successful practitioner is about,” said Dr. Powell. “When you talk to people, they say, ‘I have a wonderful dentist.’ If you ask them to tell you about your dentist, they never talk about the beautiful margins he or she renders. They talk about the dentist’s personality, empathy and concern. This does not mean the technical aspects are not vitally important; it just goes beyond that.”

If dentists are technically competent but cannot relate to people or motivate their staff to relate to people, they will not be happy or successful in the profession, Dr. Powell said.

Although doom-sayers predict insurance to overtake the dental profession and produce fewer opportunities, Dr. Powell believes otherwise.

“I strongly feel that a good family dentist can make a tremendous contribution to his patients and community and have a rewarding life,” said Dr. Powell.

Sometimes his students found his philosophy difficult to accept. But years later, a former student told him, “I thought you were crazy when I was struggling in school, but you were not quite as crazy as I thought you were, because you were talking about more than just technical aspects.”

Whether fate or destiny, one of his former Emory students is his replacement.

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Lions Club Donates $5,000 to Eye Bank

TONI BAKER

The Augusta Lions Club has donated $5,000 to the Medical College of Georgia Eye Bank, which researches eye diseases and procures eye tissue for corneal transplants and other surgeries to improve vision.

“The Augusta Lions Club helped found our Eye Bank 25 years ago and has been steadfast in its support of our efforts to preserve and improve eyesight,” said Patricia A. Watkins, Director of the MCG Eye Bank. “Our Eye Bank works with approximately 30 ophthalmologists across Georgia to meet the needs of their patients as well as researchers at MCG working to better understand and treat common eye problems such as glaucoma.

Eye banks work closely with organ procurement organizations to educate the public about donation and to retrieve the vital tissue when a death occurs. Eye tissue must be obtained within six hours of death but, after appropriate processing, can be stored for up to five days for use in procedures such as a corneal transplant, she said.

“As with all donation of tissues and vital organs, eye donation is something you should discuss with your immediate family so that your wishes about being a donor will be clear,” Mrs. Watkins said. Family members have the final say regarding donating eyes or any organs or tissue, she said.

Mrs. Watkins noted that everyone can be an eye donor except for people who had diseases that can be transmitted by blood or body fluid. And, as with all types of organ and tissue donation, eye donation does not limit the family’s choices for a funeral.

Ophthalmology Department Receives Grant

TONI BAKER

The Medical College of Georgia Department of Ophthalmology has received a $100,000 grant from Research to Prevent Blindness, the world’s largest voluntary organization supporting eye research.

“Research to Prevent Blindness is a superb organization fully committed since its founding in 1960 to furthering ophthalmic research,” said Dr. Malcolm N. Luxenberg, Chairman of the MCG Ophthalmology Department. “The dollars they provide us are unrestricted, giving us the flexibility to help support existing research which needs additional funding or to use the dollars as seed money to initiate studies.”

The MCG Department of Ophthalmology has been awarded a total of $900,000 from Research to Prevent Blindness.

This year’s award will support a variety of research endeavors including studies with colleagues in the Department of Cellular Biology and Anatomy. Dr. Sylvia Smith, Assistant Professor, is studying a mouse model for degenerative retinal disease and Dr. Ruth Caldwell, Professor, is focusing on vascular diseases of the retina and the overgrowth of new blood vessels which occurs in diabetes. Also receiving support is Dr. Sayanarayana Murthinti, Assistant Professor in the MCG Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, who is documenting how and when the clouding of the lens occurs in diabetes.

Within the Department of Ophthalmology, Research to Prevent Blindness dollars will help support Pediatric Ophthalmologist Steven Stevens.

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the young people wore long hair and were hippies,” said Dr. Powell. “But one young man really stood out with his tie, short haircut and shiny shoes; he was a real go-getter, absolutely the class loaA^'^^-^^^^^^^^^^^^y^^ffi

That young man, a West Point graduate, Vietnam veteran and Army officer, is John Guin, who retired from the Army after 27 years and joined the dental faculty in July.

“I could not, in my wildest imagination, have picked anyone that I think more of than Jay,” said Dr. Powell.

So if you see a beige recreational vehicle pulling a Saturn traveling down the road, you’ll know the Powells are on the road again. Watch out, Charles Kurault.
5 Dental Seminars Slated This Fall

The following seminars for dentists will be offered during the fall by the MCG Division of Continuing Education.

"Specialize Your General Practice" will be offered Aug. 30-Sept. 2 at the Sea Palms Resort, St. Simons Island, Ga. The sessions introduce new materials, instrumentation and concepts to enhance clinical success and improve the level of professional satisfaction, confidence and achievement.

MCG instructors are Dr. Frank Caughman, Professor and Chairman of Oral Rehabilitation, Course Director; Dr. Michael Gardner, Associate Professor and Director of Graduate Prosthodontics; and Dr. John Sterrett, Associate Professor of Periodontics.

"Hands-on Lecture/Laboratory Participation Course" will be offered Sept. 19-22 at the Crowne Plaza Ravinia Hotel, Atlanta. The seminar provides the latest information on porcelain laminate veneers, aesthetic video imaging, building the aesthetic/cosmetic portion in a dental practice, provisional treatment restorations, tooth-colored posterior restorations, aesthetic analysis and understanding porcelain systems.

MCG instructors are Dr. Arun Nayyar, Associate Professor of Oral Rehabilitation, Course Director; Dr. Kevin Frazier, Assistant Professor of Oral Rehabilitation; Dr. Carey Goldstein, Clinical Instructor of Oral Rehabilitation; Dr. Thomas McDonald, Clinical Instructor of Oral Rehabilitation; and Dr. Frederick Rueggeberg, Associate Professor of Oral Rehabilitation. Wayne Campbell, Certified Dental Technician, is a guest lecturer.

"Dental Update for the General Practitioner" will be offered at the Brasstown Valley Crowne Plaza Resort, Young Harris, Ga., Oct. 11-13. The sessions involve diagnosing and treating various causes of head and neck pain including burning mouth syndrome; managing "cracked tooth syndrome;" and the pros and cons of various treatments.

Dr. Dennis Marcus, vitreoretinal specialist, will receive funding to help support a large clinical trial to determine if the same radiation therapy used to treat cancer also can be effective in the "wet" form of macular degeneration, the most common cause of blindness in people over age 65.

Brooks' work to improve techniques for correcting strabismus, or crossed eyes, and to prevent and treat abnormal blood vessels in the eye which occur in retinopathy of prematurity, a disease affecting low birth-weight newborns. Within the Department of Ophthalmology, Research to Prevent Blindness dollars will help support Pediatric Ophthalmologist Steven Brooks' work to improve techniques for correcting strabismus, or crossed eyes, and to prevent and treat abnormal blood vessels in the eye which occur in retinopathy of prematurity, a disease affecting low birth-weight newborns.

Dollars also will support the work of Drs. Keith Green and Gregory Liou, ophthalmology researchers. Dr. Green's work includes studies to understand how the cells controlling corneal thickness work; corneal thickening is one of the major reasons for corneal transplants. He also has been studying normal and abnormal eye physiology for about 30 years with a focus on improved glaucoma treatment. Dr. Liou is developing an animal model for studying retinal degeneration.

The simulator is being developed in the MCG Department of Ophthalmology and the Georgia Institute of Technology. The simulator is a lifelike teaching tool for doctors in training as well as the physician in practice.
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adhesive systems, restorative materials and aesthetic treatments. MCG instructors are Dr. Thomas Dirksen, Associate Dean for Research and Continuing Education, Course Director; Dr. Gene Dickinson, Associate Professor of Oral Rehabilitation; Dr. Joseph Konzelman, Associate Professor of Oral Diagnosis and Patient Services; Dr. Norman Wellen, Associate Professor and Program Director of Postgraduate Endodontics.

A mini-residency course on intravenous conscious sedation techniques will be held Sept. 30-Oct. 4 and Oct. 28-Nov. 1 at MCG. A two-week mini-residency is required following both sessions and certification may be obtained after passing the state dental board sedation examination. MCG instructors are Dr. Allen Sisk, Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Course Director; Dr. Edwin Joy, Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Chief of Hospital Dental Services; Dr. Robert Kaltenbach, Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Health Behavior, School of Medicine, and Associate Professor of Oral Rehabilitation; Dr. Ricney Newhouse, Assistant Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery; and Dr. Stephen Sutley, Assistant Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

A seminar Nov. 1-3 at Brasstown Valley Crown Plaza Resort in Young Harris, Ga., will teach the latest techniques in managing periodontal disease. The seminar will focus on conventional periodontal therapy and the validity and usefulness of new diagnostic and treatment options. MCG instructors are Dr. John Sterrett, Associate Professor of Periodontics, Course Director; Dr. Jerry Gamick, Professor and Chair of Periodontics; Dr. Philip Hanes, Professor and Director of the Postdoctoral Periodontics Program; Dr. Jason Mailhot, Assistant Professor of Periodontics and Director of Predoctoral Periodontics; Dr. Sidney Stein, Assistant Professor of Periodontics and Oral Biology.

For more information about any of the courses, call continuing education, ext. 1-3967.

4 Join Dental Faculty

CAROLE JONES SMITH

Our new faculty members join the Medical College of Georgia School of Dentistry fall quarter.

Dr. Rafik A. Abdelsayed, Assistant Professor of Oral Pathology, received his master of science degree and doctorate of dental science degree from Indiana University School of Dentistry in 1990 and 1993, respectively. He completed a residency and received a certificate in oral pathology in 1984 from Washington University. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Oral Pathology.

Dr. Roman M. Cibirka, Assistant Professor of Oral Rehabilitation, received his master of science degree in prosthodontics from the University of Michigan in 1990 and his doctor of dental science degree from the University of Detroit in 1988.

Dr. John W. Guinn III, Associate Professor of Oral Diagnosis and Patient Services, received his doctorate of dental science degree from Emory University in 1976. In 1977, he completed a residency and received a certificate in general practice from Kimbrough Army Hospital. He also completed a residency and received a certificate in fixed prosthodontics in 1981 from Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

Dr. John C. Marr Sr., Instructor of Oral Diagnosis and Patient Services, received his doctorate of dental medicine degree from MCG in 1996.
Participants Needed for Diabetes Walk

TONI BAKER

The Medical College of Georgia Comprehensive Diabetes Care Center is looking for a few good feet to form an MCG team for the upcoming Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Walk for Cure.

Check-in time is 9 a.m. Sept. 7 at the Jessie Norman Amphitheater at Augusta's Riverwalk. The 5-kilometer race will begin at 10:30 a.m., rain or shine. A picnic lunch will be provided for participants after the walk. Prizes, including two round-trip tickets from Atlanta to any Delta city in continental United States, a night for two at the Radisson Riverfront Hotel and a Home Depot gift certificate, will be awarded to the top fund-raising teams and individuals. All walkers raising $75 or more will receive a “Walk for the Cure” T-shirt. Other prizes include clothing and gift certificates.

The Juvenile Diabetes Foundation gave more than $23 million to diabetes research in 1995.

To participate, call Lynnette Ellison at the Comprehensive Diabetes Care Center, ext. 1-6100.

Newsbriefs

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DEADLINE

The deadline for the Sept. 11 edition of the Beeper is Sept. 4 at noon. The deadline for the Sept. 25 edition of the Beeper is Sept. 18 at noon. Please contact the editor (ext. 1-2124) at least a week in advance to request photography coverage of an event.

Refer to the first paragraph of the Classifieds section for rules to submit classified advertising. To ensure that the Beeper arrives at your correct address, please contact the records section of the personnel department if your campus address has changed.

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

Applications for fall quarter tuition reimbursement are available during through Sept. 6 in the Training and Education Section of the Personnel Division, Annex Building, rooms 1144 or 1146. Staff members applying for tuition reimbursement must have six months of continuous employment with no less than a 50 percent work commitment.

TIME LIMITS

New dependents listed on the University System Health Insurance Plan must be added within 31 days of marriage, birth or adoption. A copy of the marriage license, birth certificate or adoption paper is required. Dependents not added within 31 days cannot be added until open enrollment in November, and a pre-existing condition clause will apply for 12 months.

PARENTING CLASSES

MCG offers classes for parents of children under age 13 who are difficult to manage, inattentive or disruptive. The classes are held one evening a week for five consecutive weeks for $60 per class, which may be covered in part by insurance. For more information, call Susanne Jones, ext. 1-3141.

STRESS DEBRIEFING

Those interested in training to become a member of MCG’s Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Team (helping members of the MCG community overcome a traumatic incident) may contact Dr. Diane Solish, ext. 1-2599, at the Employee Faculty Assistance Program for more information.

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Dr. Linder Named Representative

TONI BAKER

Dr. Charles W. Linder, Chief of the Medical College of Georgia Section of General Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine, will serve as the American Academy of Pediatrics’ representative to the Council on Pediatric Education.

The Council of Pediatric Education is an advisory board to the academy. Dr. Linder was appointed to a two-year term on the council in his role as Alternate District Chairman of the academy’s Southeastern United States District.

Dr. Linder is a 1963 graduate of the MCG School of Medicine. He has served as Chief of General Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine since 1972 and as Chief of Staff for MCG Hospital and Clinics and Associate Dean in the medical school since 1985. He is a member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the Georgia Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

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Study participants may experience a reduction in sensitivity due to investigational treatments. Limited follow-up treatment will be available to those patients randomized to less effective therapies. All diagnostic and therapeutic procedures of the study are free of charge.

Principal Investigator: Dr. Carl M. Russel, Dept. of Oral Diagnosis & Patient Services

For further information please contact Barbara Chitt (706) 721-0868
Dentist Gets a Taste of Other Side of the World

CAROLE JONES SMITH

Imagine sailing all the way to the bottom of the earth, then having to yield your rights to—of all things—penguins.

That’s what Dr. Wade Hammer, MCG Professor Emeritus of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, and his wife, Betty, discovered on a recent trip to Antarctica.

Traveling with a tour group from Dr. Hammer’s graduate school alma mater, the University of Pennsylvania and five other universities, the couple flew to Buenos Aires in December 1995 to begin their two-week journey.

Before leaving Argentina, they attended a 24-hour New Year’s party at the Sheraton Hotel in Buenos Aires. They also enjoyed a fiesta gaucho on a 25,000-acre working ranch. Cowboys (gauchos) entertained the visitors with horse races and trick riding stunts wearing Basque berets instead of cow-

Hotel in Buenos Aires. They

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boy hats. Afterward, they serenade their guests with Argentine ballads during a barbecue.

"The ranch was a family operation run by several brothers," said Dr. Hammer. "It has been in their family for about 300 years — ever since their ancestors came over from Spain. They raise horses, cattle, chickens, grains, vegetables and berries."

The next day the couple flew to Ushuaia, Argentina, the Southern-most city in the world located on the island of Tierra del Fuego. Several years earlier, an incident at the airport prompted expansion.

"The President of Argentina was landing there and the runway was so short that his plane ran off into the bay," said Dr. Hammer.

"Shortly afterward, construction began on longer runways which now can handle today's large jet aircraft."

In Ushuaia, the couple boarded the luxury liner, the Marco Polo, with some 400 other passengers.

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The final leg of their cruise was a two-day northerly trek toward Cape Horn. White-capped waves violently churned the sea for most of the trip.

"We went through some rough seas with about 70-knot winds," said Dr. Hammer.

"Changing direction, the Marco Polo sailed north to Port Lockroy and Half Moon Island. Here the couple splashed in the Jacuzzi on the ship's deck while it snowed."

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After a night in Punta Arenas, Chile, a city of 200,000 near the tip of the country, Dr. and Mrs. Hammer flew home through Santiago and Miami. As well as enjoying the cruise, the couple gained a different appreciation for green foliage and trees, although the Antarctic latitudes were beautiful. They also have a new respect for their feathered friends — especially those that resemble ladies clad in long black and white skirts or men dressed in tuxedos.

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