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Dr. Shelley Mishoe, associate provost and director of the Quality Enhancement Plan, presents the QEP informational video and parameters.

Luncheon serves up QEP video

By Stacey Hudson

A patient at the MCGHealth Medical Center, a member of the Cherokee Nation, recently made a one-of-a-kind request. The woman, who believed that wellness is spiritual as well as physical, asked

to hold a healing ritual specific to her heritage.

It was a perfect learning opportunity in cultural competency.

"We want to give our students the tools to effectively interact with

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MCG is a tobacco-free campus

Balotin to serve as chief of staff for MCG president

By Toni Baker

Jeanette K. Balotin, an administrator and facilitator with nearly 20 years of experience on the leadership team of the University of Maryland School of Medicine, has been named chief of staff to the president of Georgia's health science university.

Balotin will serve as a key member of the leadership team of Dr. Ricardo Azziz, president of the Medical College of Georgia and CEO of the MCG Health System, Inc., to advance the university's mission of health sciences education, discovery and service. In addition to working closely with MCG leadership, faculty, staff and students to help advise the president and to execute priorities, she will oversee the enterprise's communication functions.

"Jeanette brings to our university obvious skill as a facilitator at a time of unprecedented activity,"

Azziz said. "She will help us pull together the many, rapidly moving people and parts that will propel the university to its rightful place in the health sciences."

Balotin served as the University of Maryland School of Medicine assistant dean for programs and planning, chief of staff and director of government relations before joining MCG this month. She was assistant to the dean from 1992-99. She has managed the school's strategic planning process, helped leadership units set and accomplish priorities and helped develop and implement policies and procedures.

She has additional experience in government relations and communications, maintaining relationships across the medical school campus and hospital as well as with the community, alumni, donors and lawmakers. Balotin helped develop

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Jeanette K. Balotin will serve as chief of staff for MCG President Ricardo Azziz. Balotin was previously with the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

Search under way for MCG Health System executive vice president

By Jennifer Hilliard Scott

A national search is under way for an MCG Health System executive vice president for clinical affairs.

The new position will oversee the health system's clinical operations, including ambulatory care and Physicians Practice Groups clinics. The position is the clinical counterpart of the academic enterprise's provost and executive vice president for

academic affairs. The position will report to Dr. Ricardo Azziz, board chairman, president of MCG and CEO of the Health System.

The MCG Health System Board of Directors approved the search during a Dec. 2 meeting, where they also approved members of the board's Planning and Development Committee. They are: MCG Health System Board of Directors members Walter Dukes and Regents C. Thom-

as Hopkins and William "Dink" H. NeSmith Jr.; Dr. J. David Allen, an Atlanta dentist and past president of the Georgia Dental Association; Dr. Ben Cheek, a Columbus, Ga., obstetrician and gynecologist and MCG alumnus; Doug Duncan, vice president of Management Analysis and Utilization, Inc., a human resource, staffing and outsourcing

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Briefs...

News, events and more

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Campus Mail Service reminds employees that Christmas cards, party invitations and other holiday announcements cannot be metered through campus mail. These are not legal state expenditures. Departments with a discretionary account or a grant account specifying such postage is legal can send an IDR to Campus Mail Services. Otherwise, mail should be sent to Campus Mail Services with stamps already affixed. Please do not use red envelopes, as postal markings cannot be seen. MCGHI departments may not use an IDR; cards must have stamps affixed.

Compliance

All required annual training and compliance must be completed online by Friday, Dec. 17. Training includes confidentiality, conflicts of interest, copyright infringement, drug free schools and campuses, FERPA, non-retaliation, social media awareness, state business transaction reminder, vehicle operator policy training and HIPAA. If you do not have computer access, please contact your immediate supervisor so a workstation can be provided to you. Training will be conducted at educode.com/MCG/login50/.

Miracle Ball

The Fourth Annual Miracle Ball, benefitting MCGHealth Children's Medical Center, will be Dec. 17 from 7-11 p.m. at the Augusta Elks Lodge, 205 Elkdome Court. The event will include spotlight dances featuring The Miracle Kids, a silent auction, raffles, appetizers, desserts and a cash bar. Tickets \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Purchase at Neptune Dive & Ski and Ballroom in Motion.

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Dine at WingStop through Dec. 31 and 10 percent of each order will be donated to MCGHealth Children's Medical Center. WingStop is located at 2803 Wrightsboro Road, 3836 Washington Road and 358 E. Martintown Road. Each visit, ask for the donation certificate to be stapled to the receipt. Or pick up a certificate in advance from the Office of Philanthropy. Call 706-721-3957.

Each unique

Through Dec. 30, visit HCCU and purchase a snowflake for \$1 to benefit the MCGHealth Children's Medical Center.

Holiday wellness

The Wellness Center will have special holiday hours. The center will be open

Dec. 20-22 and Dec. 27-30 from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Dec. 31 from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Jan. 3 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The center will be closed Dec. 23-26 and Jan. 1. Visit mcg.edu/wellness or call 706-721-6800.

Training

Human Resources has listed training and education opportunities offered during December. Visit mcg.edu/hr/training/ to view the courses and to register. Contact the Human Resources Training & Education office at 706-721-0343 for more information.

Weight Watchers

A new "Weight Watchers At Work" series will begin on Jan. 4. The group meets Tuesdays at noon in the Terrace Dining Magnolia Room. A minimum of 20 participants are needed for Weight Watchers to send a facilitator to conduct the 17-week series. Cost is \$186. Payment options are available. Those who join by the second week will receive Weight Watcher e-Tools at no additional cost. Contact Amanda Wright at 706-721-3627 or amwright@mcg.edu.

Valentine dance

The MCG Sertoma Club and the CSRA Shag Club will host a Valentine Dance Feb. 11 from 8 p.m. to midnight at Julian Smith Casino. Music by the Fantastic Shakers. The event is BYOB, setups provided. Tickets \$15 at the door, \$5 for students with a college ID. Reserved tables are available in limited numbers. Call 803-640-1130. All proceeds from the event benefit local community needs throughout the CSRA.

Artrageous!

The Noon Arts Concert series will continue Feb. 15 from noon to 1 p.m. in Lee Auditorium. Performances showcase the diverse artistic talents of our students, staff and faculty. The first 150 attendees enjoy free Chick-fil-A sandwiches. Interested performers e-mail kmckie@mcg.edu. Visit mcg.edu/artsCouncil/performing/noonconcert.html.

Free flu shots

MCGHealth Occupational Health Services is offering free influenza vaccines for campus employees. No appointment is necessary, but employees are required to show their employee badge. Hours of operation are weekdays from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at 1515 Pope Ave., next to the MCGHealth Human Resource office. Call 706-721-3418.

Sing along

MCG Chorus is seeking new members.

No prior experience necessary. Meetings are Monday at 5:30 p.m. in Lee Auditorium. Musical events include noon arts concerts, CMC performances and more. E-mail Tricia Perea at tperea@mcg.edu.

Members only

The MCG School of Medicine Academy of Medical Educators is now accepting new member applications. The Academy is a school-wide organization of distinguished educators that promotes educational excellence, innovation and scholarship; serves as an "academic home" for faculty with career interests in medical education; and works to improve the quality of medical education through service to the School of Medicine in faculty development, mentoring and educational leadership. For information visit mcg.edu/som/ames/index.html.

News to us

Send announcements or story suggestions for The Beeper to beeper@mcg.edu, or contact editor Stacey Hudson at 706-721-4410 or FI-1042 (campus mail).

So swell

Submit your nominations for the S.W.E.L.L. Award: Saluting the Work, Excellence, Leadership and Lives of our MCG employees. Contact Beeper editor Stacey Hudson at smcgowen@mcg.edu or 706-721-4410.

Pet set

Submit your pets for the Pet Gazette. Contact Beeper editor Stacey Hudson at smcgowen@mcg.edu or 706-721-4410.

Knee pain study

Adults age 18-40 who have had anterior knee pain for at least four weeks are needed for an MCG study. Participants will take part in free, supervised 30-minute rehabilitation sessions up to three times a week for six weeks. Call Dr. Lori Bolgla at 706-721-1517 or e-mail lbolgla@mcg.edu.

Study buddy

Females between the ages of 12 and 26 who have received a three-dose regimen of a specific HPV vaccine are needed to participate in a study that may develop vaccines that protect against additional types of HPV. Current vaccines help protect against up to four types of HPV. New investigational vaccines, if proven effective, may further reduce a person's risk for developing cancer and other health problems caused by HPV. Call 706-721-8944.

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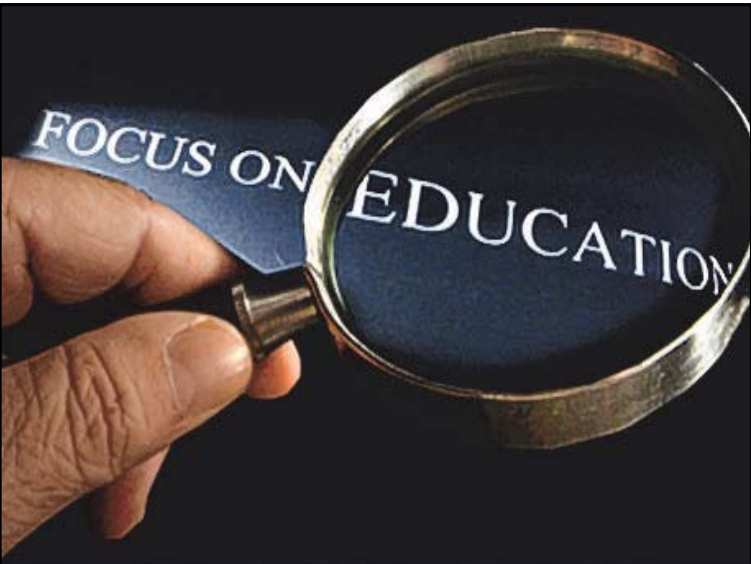
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Brunswick doctors honored for their medical contributions

By Toni Baker

A dozen Brunswick physicians are honored Dec. 7 for their contributions to educating future physicians for Georgia at the Southeast Georgia Health System on Tuesday.

Honorees include Drs. Ayman Al-Jabi, Shenon E. Badre, Stephen A. Chitty, Sarfaraz Dhanji, Emily Feely, Theodore Feely, James F. Gowen, William Grubb, James M. Heery, Walter W. Scott, Eric C. Stout and C. David Sudduth.

"These physicians are sharing their expertise with future physicians and the value of that is truly immeasurable," said Dr. Kathryn Martin, assistant dean for the Southeast Georgia Clinical Campus of the Medical College of Georgia School of Medicine.

The campus, part of MCG's statewide initiative to increase the number of physicians in Georgia,

is based at Southeast Georgia Health System and Savannah's St. Joseph's/Candler Health System. Georgia is a top 10 state in population and population growth, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

"We have witnessed phenomenal interest and skill among Brunswick physicians in helping educate the next generation of physicians," said Dr. T. Wayne Rentz Jr., a general surgeon who directs the surgical intensive care unit at Southeast Georgia Health System's Brunswick Campus and is the assistant dean for curriculum for MCG's Southeast Georgia Clinical Campus. "We appreciate these physicians' significant contributions to their profession, their community and their state."

Third- and fourth-year MCG medical students spend weeks working alongside these physicians in specialties including pediatrics and internal medicine/critical care.

The clinical campus is slated to receive residential status by 2012, enabling enrollees to spend most of the clinical portion of their education in Southeast Georgia.

The statewide plan also includes the Southwest Georgia Clinical Campus, based at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital in Albany, Ga., which obtained residential status this past summer. MCG will establish the Northwest Georgia Clinical Campus based in Rome, Ga., by July 2013. Additionally, the MCG School of Medicine, in cooperation with the University of Georgia, is operating a four-year campus for 40 students in Athens, Ga. MCG's medical school class size is scheduled to increase from 190 to 300 students by 2020, growing from 190 to 240 students in Augusta and 40 to 60 in Athens. Facilities to accommodate the larger class in Augusta are under design.

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the Office of Public Affairs at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, which is the nation's first public and fifth oldest medical school. The school has approximately 2,700 faculty, nearly 1,700 students and a \$818 million budget. Balotin's previous positions include assistant to the vice president for external relations at St. Joseph Mercy Health System, Mercy Health Services, Ann Arbor, Mich.

She earned a master's degree in public administration with an em-

phasis on health policy from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, a master's degree in education from Eastern Michigan University and bachelor's degree in sociology from University of Michigan-Flint. Balotin is a member of the Association of American Medical Colleges Group on Institutional Planning, Government Relations Representatives and was a founding member of the Dean's Assistant Group.

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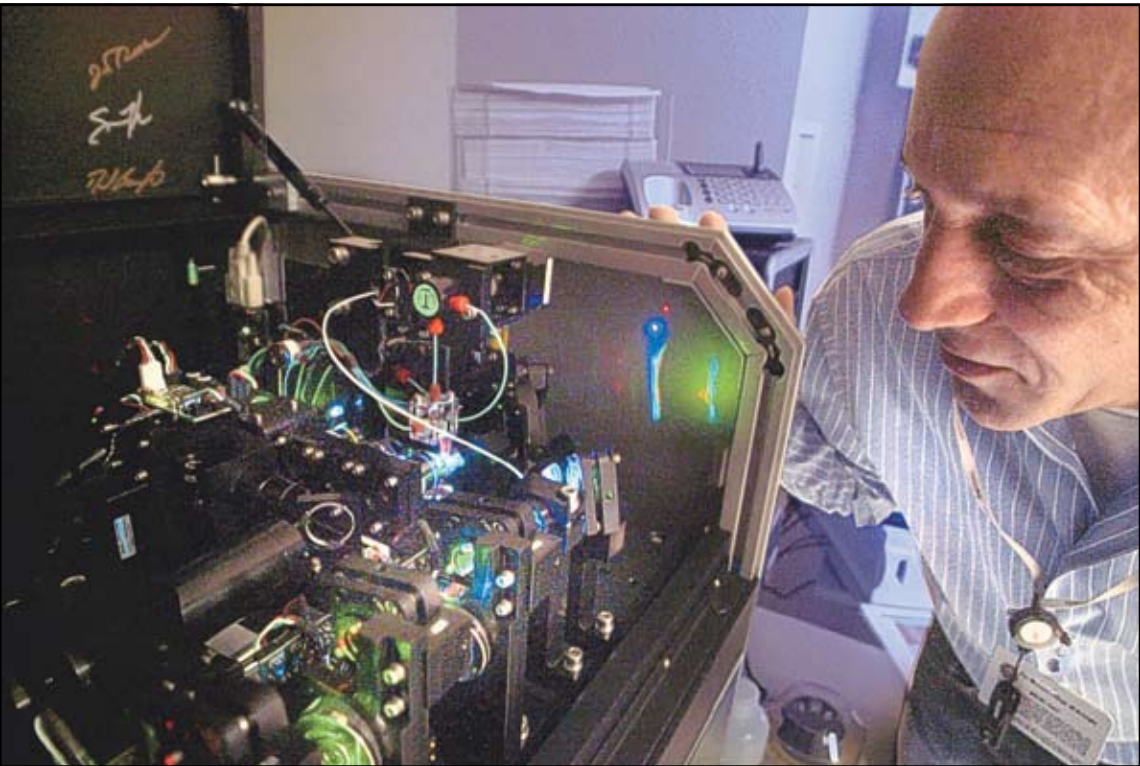
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William King, director of the MCGCC Flow Cytometry Resource, shows off the center's newest cutting edge technology: the Amnis ImageStream^X.

New tool for the Cancer Center

By Stacey Hudson

The cutting edge just got a little sharper.

A \$500,000 grant from the National Center for Research Resources has allowed the MCG Cancer Center Flow Cytometry Core Facility to acquire an Amnis ImageStream^X Imaging Flow Cytometer.

"It's the first of its kind. There's nothing like it, really," said Dr. Lesleyann Hawthorne, associate professor of pathology and director of Cancer Center Shared Resources. MCG has the only one in Georgia.

Flow cytometry is a technique that is used for examining and counting microscopic particles – such as individual cells – by adding the particles to fluid and running them through measuring equipment.

The technique is routine in diagnosing certain medical disorders, such as blood cancers. But it has more far-reaching impact in research.

"The applications are limitless," said William King, director of the MCGCC Flow Cytometry Resource. "If you can think of how a picture can complement your work, as it relates to flow cytometry, there's an application by use of this machine."

Before acquiring the ImageStream^X, Hawthorn said, the process of counting cells or cellular processes required that an individual researcher count the cells on a microscope. The combined imaging and flow capabilities of the ImageStream^X allows the collection of

information about the larger population of cells, making it amenable to statistical analysis.

The ImageStream^X allows unprecedented cellular analysis by combining the speed, sensitivity and statistical robustness of a flow cytometer with the detailed imagery of a high-speed camera. In plain English, it can take high-resolution photos of particles as they change. It can track how cells communicate and interact, how they change in shape and size, whether there is DNA damage and repair, cell multiplication, cell death and more.

Say a researcher is testing a new drug designed to kill tumor cells. The ImageStream^X can now tell the researcher if a cell is a stem cell, a cancer cell or even a cancer stem cell. That distinction helps when analyzing how the drug affects the tumors.

"We try to kill cancer cells, and we study how they die. Once cells

die they follow specific pathways that lead to a change in morphology – they disintegrate. But before they disintegrate, there are things that go on inside the cell, which they call early death," King said. This cytometer allows researchers to see the mechanism of cell death and earlier and more clearly.

As a result of the detail, it reduces user-bias, allows for greater accuracy and detail, and saves time and money for the institution. In fact, it could even make money.

"It's good for grant applications, because very few institutions have this technology," Hawthorn said. Currently, 12 projects are scheduled to use the new capabilities for their research.

"We are very excited to have such a novel technology available at MCG and we hope that researchers across the campus will take advantage of it," King said.



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Dentists for Della, a Medical College of Georgia School of Dentistry project serving elderly war veterans, has received a grant from the Community Foundation for the Central Savannah River Area. Pictured from left are dental students Ross Levine and Chris DeLeon, the project's namesake Dr. Victor Della-Guistina, and the project's faculty advisor, Dr. Kate Ciarrocca.

Dentists for Della receives community foundation grant

By Paula Hinely

Dentists for Della, a Medical College of Georgia School of Dentistry project serving elderly war veterans, has received a grant from the Community Foundation for the Central Savannah River Area.

Through the project, dental students provide monthly oral health care for residents of Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home. "The project provides a much-needed health benefit to our military veterans and reaches out to the fastest-growing segment of America's population – the elderly," said Dr. Kate Ciarrocca, the project's faculty advisor and instructor in the Departments of Oral Rehabilitation and Oral Health and Diagnostic Services.

Georgia War houses up to 192 veterans, many of whom lack the mobility or dexterity to maintain healthy oral habits on their own. During each Dentists for Della visit, about 20 dental students thoroughly clean dentures and brush teeth of nursing home residents and provide oral, head and neck examinations.

The \$14,800 grant will be used to purchase two portable dental units and two high-speed dental hand pieces to enhance the oral health services provided by students in the residents' rooms. Previously, students performed oral health care procedures using only cups of water and electric tooth-

brushes. The portable units with water delivery systems will eliminate the need to transport patients needing more extensive care.

"What started as a small project by a few wonderful dental students has blossomed into something that truly benefits everyone involved," Ciarrocca said. "Georgia War residents have markedly improved oral health, the nursing staff has more time to handle the residents' medical issues and dental students have a vastly expanded educational experience."

Dentists for Della, created by dental students William Bennett, Chris DeLeon, Ryan Fulchi and Ross Levine, began last January. The project was named in honor of School of Dentistry founding faculty member and Georgia War resident Dr. Victor Della-Guistina, a retired community dentist committed to improving access to dental care.

Dentists for Della is also funded by a \$7,500 grant from the Mary Allen Lindsey Branan Foundation and is sponsored by the MCG chapter of the American Student Dental Association. Patterson Dental donated supplies, including denture cleaner and repair products.

Georgia War, operated through an interagency agreement between MCG and the Georgia Department of Veterans Service, is located at 1101 15th St.

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Clinic at Walmart celebrates first anniversary

By Sharron Walls

The nation's first nurse-managed convenient-care clinic in a Walmart store logged over 2,100 patient visits during its first year of operation.

The primary-care clinic, which the MCG School of Nursing Faculty Practice Group opened in November 2009, provides quality affordable and accessible care to the Augusta area at the Walmart Supercenter in Evans, Ga.

“Customer satisfaction remains high and many patients are choosing the clinic as a convenient supplement to their regular primary care provider,” said Jim Hawkins, practice and compliance manager for the Nursing Faculty Practice Group.

The walk-in clinic is open seven days a week with extended hours offering treatment of common illnesses, diagnostic testing, physicals and vaccinations. Charges are minimal and insurance is accepted.

“The MCG Nursing Faculty Clinic at Walmart is at the forefront of primary care reform,” Hawkins said. “We remain excited about the opportunity to provide such a meaningful service to our community.”

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Cutting the ribbon at “The Clinic at Walmart” in November 2009 are Nursing Faculty Practice Group Manager Jim Hawkins (from left), Columbia County Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Jim Tingen, MCG Interim President James N. Thompson, School of Nursing Dean Lucy Marion and Walmart Shift Manager Corey Myers.

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The Research Administration Certification and Education (RACE) Program held its fifth Recognition Ceremony Nov. 17 to honor those who completed all requirements of the program. The RACE Program educates participants on the components involved with administering research on campus. "The participants' willingness to develop a better understanding of the regulations and processes presented in RACE display their commitment to becoming an effective resource for the research community," said Tammy Murrell, director of post award services in the Division of Sponsored Program Administration. The next session begins in late January. Visit mcg.edu/spa/RACE.

MCG celebrates multigenerational families



Phil Jones photo

Santa Claus brought cheer to boys and girls and their grandparents at the Medical College of Georgia Healthy Grandparent Program's holiday party Tuesday, Dec. 7, at the Julian Smith Casino. Each child received a gift donated by MCG employees and the community. Families enjoyed a catered dinner and children made crafts. The program, sponsored by The MCG School of Nursing and the Georgia Department of Human Resources Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program, assists grandparents and great-grandparents who are raising their grandchildren in Richmond and Columbia counties.



Nursing students try pet therapy



During the School of Nursing's Senior Poster Day Nov. 29 in the Health Sciences Building lobby, Katy Hornback (from left), Jaime Martin, Kimberly Medlin and Elizabeth Stepanek brought in a vital component of their research project on pet therapy – Tucker, a therapy dog from Happy Tails of Atlanta. Over 130 seniors attended receptions sponsored by Sigma Theta Tau on the Augusta and Athens campuses.

Medical students raise funds for Haiti



Student Andrew White played guitar while singing songs in Swahili and English.

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Student Michael Tjahjadi played piano while singing U2's "One."

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Dr. Vadivel Ganapathy performed a Bollywood song in his native Tamil language.

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Wilma Sykes-Brown sang Bette Midler's "The Rose" with Lizandra and Devin Jones.

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Dr. Sola Fasusi representing Snoop Dogg in a group performance of DJ Khaled's "All I Do is Win." Performing with him were Dr. David Scott Lind playing Rick Ross, Dr. James McLoughlin acting as Ludacris, and Sharita King, a vascular surgery intern.

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QEP ...from page 1

patients of different backgrounds, have a comfort level with diversity, treat everyone with dignity and incorporate the patient's knowledge into the process," said Dr. Shelley Mishoe, associate provost and director of MCG's Quality Enhancement Plan.

Mishoe and many others throughout the enterprise have been working on the QEP with an eye on improving graduating professionals' cultural competency. The Southeastern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, MCG's accrediting body, requires member institutions to enhance learning through an entirely new project. MCG's plan, *Healthy Perspectives*, aims to help students better communicate with patients and their families on their health, wellness and care by understanding their unique backgrounds and lifestyles.

The patient requesting the healing ritual said she expected her request to be turned down. But, her wishes were readily accommodated at MCG, a leader in patient- and family-centered care.

Such situations will occur more frequently as Georgia and the nation diversify, Mishoe said. The QEP will help students identify opportunities to partner health care knowledge with spiritual and cultural awareness.

"So much of the body heals itself through proper care, and the mind has so much influence over how that happens," Mishoe said. "Incorporating the customs and health care beliefs of patients and families gives them more responsibility and hope that often leads to better outcomes. Ultimately, our graduates will be better prepared to fulfill the mission of improving the health of Georgia's citizens and beyond."

MCG promoted its QEP at a luncheon on Dec. 9. Approximately 350 attendees enjoyed pizza, refreshments and prizes – fourth-year medical student Jonathan Buice won a coveted iPad – all while viewing the debut of the QEP video explaining the project, its implementation and goals.

"The QEP has to identify the specific student learning outcomes,

and then the institution has to have a plan as to how we're going to achieve and measure those outcomes," Mishoe said.

Beginning in fall 2012, all MCG students will complete modules designed to increase their ability to work with a variety of patients. Six student-learning outcomes will focus on:

Attitude – Students will recognize the importance of understanding personal biases, assumptions and their own cultural backgrounds to appreciate differences and avoid stereotyping in other cultural groups.

Knowledge – Students will demonstrate knowledge about varying cultural beliefs on health, disease and treatment; explain changing demographics in the United States, the presence of health disparities and

strategies to reduce those disparities.

Skills – Students will demonstrate verbal and nonverbal communications in situations of patient diversity, including age, race, disability, gender, sexual orientation and socioeconomic status. They will collaborate with health care providers, patients and families to achieve a mutually acceptable and culturally responsible plan for individual patients.

Increased cultural competency will allow health professionals to work with patients as true partners

in their own health care, Mishoe stressed.

"Often it's not just the patient involved in the care, but the family, and sometimes they have a better solution," she said.

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges will assess the QEP as part of MCG's reaffirmation of accreditation this spring. Commission representatives will visit campus March 29-31, the final stage in a process that has included a self-study and extensive documentation.



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Students raise money for Haitian victims

By Stacey Hudson

The Student National Medical Association, MCG Chapter, raised money for victims of sexual violence in Haiti with a talent show on Nov. 30. Twelve acts from faculty, staff and students took the stage to support the effort.

"The MCG community has really gotten behind this," said Lashon Sturgis, second-year student and chapter president. Sturgis said the group anticipated raising just a couple hundred dollars. But they raised about \$1,400, an amount Sturgis credits to the participation of faculty and administrators.

"It's for a good cause, so it doesn't matter if I embarrass myself," said Dr. Vadivel Ganapathy, before performing a Bollywood song in his native Tamil language.

Embarrassment wasn't a concern for Dr. James McLoughlin, who relished the opportunity to show off his stage skills.

"As a father of four, I have found that the only legitimate tool I have to ensure that my children behave in public is the threat that I will do something embarrassing. I need events like this one to give credence to their fears," McLoughlin said.

The show included musical pieces, parodies and dramatic interpretations. And McLoughlin's group gave the performance that got the most crowd participation: a lip-synching extravaganza to DJ Khaled's "All I Do is Win," with Dr. Sola Fasusi representing Snoop Dogg, Dr. David Scott Lind playing Rick Ross, McLoughlin acting as Ludacris, and Sharita King, a vascular surgery intern who McLoughlin said saved the group from certain humiliation.

Student Chike Akoh rapped an original piece called "Patience;" Wilma Sykes-Brown sang Bette Midler's "The Rose" with Lizandra and Devin Jones; Dr. Michael Brands played drums to "When the Whip Comes Down," by the Rolling Stones; student Andrew White played guitar while singing songs in Swahili and English; Dr. A.K. Gulati performed "The Rambler," a medical-themed parody of Kenny Rogers' "The Gambler;" Dr. Bruce LeClair gave a dramatic interpretation of Lewis Carroll's *Jabberwocky*; student Michael Tjahjadi played piano while singing U2's "One;" student Wondwossen Zenebe played a classical guitar composition called "Romance" and student Nadia Nabavi closed with an original spoken word piece called "Time."

More than 1.3 million Haitians have crowded into makeshift camps in and around the capital of Port-au-Prince since the January earthquake.

In the wake of the disaster, international aid organizations such as Amnesty International and Doctors Without Borders report sexual vio-



Wesley Hobbs photo

MCG student Wondwossen Zenebe played a classical guitar composition called "Romance" during the Student National Medical Association's fundraiser for victims of sexual violence and cholera in Haiti.

lence is on the rise, while incidents of reporting such attacks is on the decline.

The Student National Medical Association works with international women's rights organization MADRE to prevent violence by providing cell phones, whistles, flashlights and nighttime community watch groups. They tasked their chapters with sponsoring one woman with a \$50 donation.

But members of the organization, including many with roots in developing nations and three of Haitian descent, felt that wasn't enough.

"I think that each one of us has had experiences with disaster," event volunteer Chinonye Ogbonnaya-Odor said. The second-year student grew up in Lagos, Nigeria, but immigrated to Columbus, Ohio. She said she is thankful that she has never experienced a natural disaster, though her family had to flee a religious conflict that raged in northern Nigeria when she was younger.

"I know the feeling of fear and sometimes hopelessness that can come with not knowing what the nearest future holds. Adding the possibility of rape makes the situation an even bigger beast, which is why I think that this is a great venture. I really hope that the money we raised can help create a safer environment for these women who are already going through a big struggle," Ogbonnaya-Odor said.

Bintou Gassama, a second-year medical student originally from Gambia, was among the event's organizers.

"The stories just really touched me," Gassama said.

Rape was not considered a crime in Haiti until 2005, and the human rights organization Equality Now

says victims do not report violence because they lack faith in the justice systems.

"It was an aspect of the disaster that had not been previously publicized," said Gorby Leon, a second-year student from Connecticut whose parents are from Haiti. Leon also has relatives still living in Haiti.

So does Vanessa Rigaud, a first-year student from Atlanta, whose parents are also Haitian.

"I have many family members in Haiti who have been affected by the earthquake, and who are now dealing with the cholera outbreak. That's why I'm in medical school, to go down and help in third-world countries," Rigaud said.

The money raised by SNMA will go directly to MADRE to offset the cost of protecting women and children from sexual violence in aid camps in Haiti. The MCG students' contribution should sponsor 28 women.

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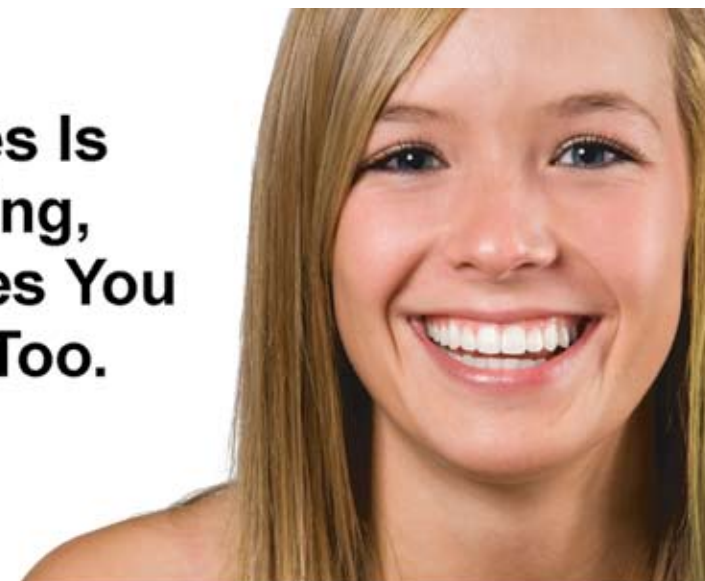
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company; Eric Johnson, former minority leader and former president pro tempore of the Georgia Senate; and Dr. Cynthia Mercer, an Athens, Ga., obstetrician and gynecologist and an MCG alumna.

Also at the meeting:

- Committee member term limits, amounting to six years over a board member's term of service, were approved.
- A presentation on network ser-

vices, given by MCGHealth Senior Vice President of Ambulatory and Network Services Richard R. Bias, emphasized the hospital's ongoing work to form an integrated care delivery system through partnerships, community involvement and outreach throughout Georgia and South Carolina.

• In his chairman/CEO report, Dr. Azziz compared the MCG to the Medical University of South Carolina, calling MCG a "malnourished twin" in contrast to the Charleston-based institution. Despite great similarities in founding date, transition

to university status, acquisition of its own hospital, size of metro area and region of the country, MUSC has 150 percent more research funding, 40 percent more faculty and 30 percent more square footage. It also has significantly more and newer facilities. Despite these differences, both institutions educate approximately the same number of students. MCG has grown at a much smaller rate because of chronic under-investment, he said. The growth of philanthropy and state and city support will be integral to the institution's success.

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Dr. Betty Daniels, assistant professor of biobehavioral nursing at the Medical College of Georgia School of Nursing in Athens, has received the 2010 Public Health Nurse Creative Achievement Award from the Public Health Nursing Section of the American Public Health Association. The award recognizes exceptional contributions to public health nursing administration, education, practice or research.

Dr. Kathryn Bollinger, professor of ophthalmology, was recently selected for one of the 2010 Mentoring for Advancement of Physician-Scientists Awards from the American Glaucoma Society. This program assists clinicians with overcoming barriers and hindrances in the early stages of their careers.

Dr. Kapil Sethi, professor of neurology, has been selected to be the John Whitaker visiting professor to the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio in January. Sethi is director of the

movement disorders program and will lecture on the topic.

The Community Foundation for the Central Savannah River Area recently awarded \$14,800 to The Georgia Health Science Foundation for The Medical College of Georgia School of Dentistry to provide free dental services to Georgia Veterans Nursing Home residents. The grant will enable them to purchase portable dental units to use when visiting bed-ridden veterans.

Obituaries

The MCG community extends condolences to the family and friends of:

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Word Search Solution

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Pet Gazette



Judith Salzer, associate dean of strategic management for the School of Nursing, found puppy Zeus through a newspaper ad. "I went to look at the puppies and Zeus was the one who came over and selected me. I brought him home in a cat carrier and he grew to be 140 pounds and the largest German Shepherd many people have ever seen," she said. Salzer brought Zeus into a home with three cats, and he loved all of them. "The cats are all gone now but Zeus tries to adopt cats he sees in the neighborhood," she said. Now 10-years-old, Zeus loves to play with the younger dog in the family, 18-month-old Tyr (pronounced "tier"). They play tug-of-war with the garden hose, tag and hide-and-seek in the yard.

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