



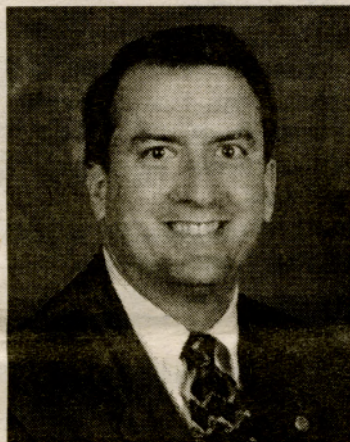
## Public Safety Director Comes Full Circle at MCG

Toni Baker

Mitch Jones' first thoughts about the Medical College of Georgia were that he wanted to be a medical student here.

But life's circumstances would take him from his Eastman, Ga., home halfway across the country and back before he found his way to Augusta.

And by the time he finally got to MCG in 1994, he'd already completed his education in wellness promotion: he was chief of police.



Mitch Jones

"I actually was a pre-med major in college, one year away from coming to medical school, hopefully here at MCG," said Mr. Jones, who turns 37 this month. An illness kept him from applying to the state's health sciences university and, by the time he recuperated, he realized his plans for medical school would be delayed for at least a year.

"A yearlong wait on going to medical school for someone who is self-financing his way through college is not a great option," he said.

So he changed his major and his life.

"The day I changed my major, the University of Georgia Pre-Med Honor Society asked me to represent them at the national convention. I had to turn them down," he said.

His uncle, a long-time sheriff of Dodge County, had planted the seed of law enforcement, so the UGA student shifted his focus, finishing his bachelor's degree in 1987 as the outstanding senior in criminal justice and his master of public administration degree in 1991. Before finishing his undergraduate degree, he took advantage of the UGA Police Department's policy of hiring students, both to help pay his way through school and learn firsthand about his chosen profession.

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Toni Baker

## Public Safety Division: Safety Still Top Priority

*Editor's note: The changes that have taken place at the Medical College of Georgia lately – including the early-retirement program and the autonomy of MCG Health, Inc. – have significantly altered the composition and functions of several service divisions on campus. This is the first in a series of Beeper articles that will explore the restructured operation of those service divisions.*

Many faces and functions have changed at the Medical College of Georgia, but one important constant is employee, student, patient and visitor safety.

If you have a campus emergency, call ext. 1-2911 just like always, says Mitch Jones, the new director of the Public Safety Division. "We still respond to emergencies. There is no question about it," says Mr. Jones, who served as MCG chief of police from 1994 until his July 1 appointment as division director. William E. McBride, who has worked in the division for five years, is now MCG chief of police.

The transition of MCG Hospitals and Clinics to a sepa-

rate management structure impacted the MCG Public Safety Division, as it has many campus support services. Effective July 1, MCG Health, Inc., opted to use an outside agency for internal hospital security.

Like the rest of campus, the Public Safety Division was planning ahead and, over the past year, has used attrition and transfers to help minimize the impact of the changing responsibilities on employees. Unfortunately, says Mr. Jones, some layoffs were necessary.

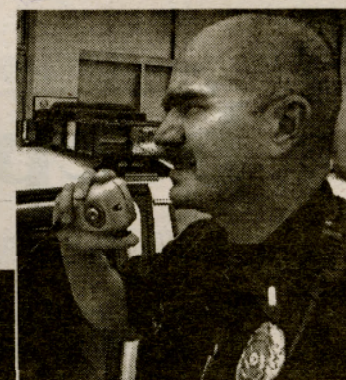
But today the division stands intact with 31 police officers and six communication service officers keeping 24-hour watch on the MCG campus.

Those figures reflect a reduction of about 40 public safety positions since last year, Mr.

Jones said. However as the numbers have dropped, division responsibilities have been fine-tuned to ensure that the campus remains a safe place to work, learn and visit.

Changes include relocating one of the division's five bureaus and eliminating another. Safety bureau functions, such as keeping tabs on smoke alarms, sprinklers, fire extinguishers and construction sites, have been consolidated within

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MCG police officer Richard Dunn confers with dispatcher Constance Jones (above) and patrols the campus (inset).

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"I can remember an incident, right after I got to UGA, chasing some guys in a car who had guns, hiding behind a car with my gun and thinking, '\$6.20 an hour to chase this guy with a gun.' It kind of put it in perspective, but I don't think it ever slowed me down," said the man who July 1 was promoted to director of the MCG Public Safety Division.

Instead, he was off and running on a career that has centered on what might be considered rather elite surroundings as far as police turf goes: university campuses.

But the campuses he has served - UGA, Georgia Southern University, the University of Iowa and MCG - are actually microcosms of larger society. He's worked drug cases, rapes and other sex offenses and suicides. He has yet to work a murder scene, he says, knocking on the nearest available wood - but said that suicide scenes are handled essentially the same. He's had guns aimed at him but, so far, none of them have been fired.

His career took him from UGA to Georgia Southern University in 1991 at the time it was blossoming from a college to the university. A year later, he made the move to the much-larger University of Iowa as chief of police. "Iowa was a good opportunity for me," he said. "It's a northern version of UGA with a river running through campus and a big tailgate school."

Oddly enough, it was illness that finally brought him to MCG, but not his own. He had his first date with the woman who would become his wife when he graduated from the police academy. Deedra was one month pregnant with their second child, Brooks, when her cancer was diagnosed. It was a rare, persistent cancer and the young couple faced many difficult choices.

"If you were told your wife might not live five years and you had two children under age 4 and were 1,000 miles away from your closest family ...."

In the years since the diagnosis, there have been multiple recurrences and multiple surgeries, but the young family has yet to let a disease consume their lives.

Instead, the couple, along with Kelsey, 10, and Brooks, now 6, move forward with their busy lives in Augusta, then head home to the tranquility of Eastman and their pine tree farm.

**What's a Vacation Without Tear Gas?**

*Editor's note: Teru Creel, assistant professor and fieldwork coordinator in the Department of Occupational Therapy, said goodbye to creature comforts — and hello to creatures (including a mama llama and her baby, pictured above) when she participated in a medical mission trip to Peru. Here's her story. We want to hear about your summer, too. Please send information and/or photos about your vacation to Christine Hurley Deriso, Beeper editor, FI-1042 (intercampus mail), ext. 1-2124 (phone), ext. 1-6723 (fax) or [cderiso@mail.mcg.edu](mailto:cderiso@mail.mcg.edu) (e-mail). Photos will be returned.*

I spent two weeks in May on a Medical Missions Trip to the Andes Mountains of Peru. (Yes, Teru went to Peru!) The primary focus of the trip was to provide a primary health care clinic and vision care (eye exams and cataract surgery) to villagers in a remote town at approximately 11,000 feet above sea level. The team was comprised of physicians, nurses, physician assistants, an occupational therapist (me), health care students and translators (for Spanish and Quechua).

Besides the medical work, the most memorable event was during a day of tourism in the capital city of Lima. During our sightseeing, we were caught downtown during riots due to political unrest and ended up being tear-gassed outside the Presidential palace!

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the MCG Environmental Health and Safety Division.

The transportation bureau, which primarily existed to transport patients, has been eliminated although the division continues to provide an after-hours escort service so late-night workers can reach their vehicles safely.

"We eliminated mission creep," says Mr. Jones of some responsibilities, primarily within clinical settings, that essentially became the job of MCG public safety because they weren't the clearly defined responsibilities of others.

The MCG Public Safety Division has continued some important work inside the clinical facilities. This includes keeping one officer in the emergency room because of the dynamics of that area as well as assisting outside police agencies working cases that bring trauma patients to the hospitals, Mr. Jones says.

The contracting security agency, Sizemore Security International, will immediately

contact MCG police to handle a police emergency anywhere within the clinical facilities. MCG police continue to maintain responsibility for security outside the clinical facilities.

The refocusing on basic missions is even reflected in the job titles of division employees.

The term 'public safety officer' is passe on campus and has been replaced with the more distinctive titles of 'police officer' or 'communication service officer.'

The vast majority of division employees are police, just like those who work for county, city and state law enforcement agencies. The police officers are graduates of the Central Savannah River Area Law Enforcement Training Academy in Blythe, Ga., who receive six weeks of additional training before they can work alone on the MCG campus. "We call it sort of programming the officers toward our environment," Mr. Jones says. These police officers have jurisdiction within 500

yards of any University System of Georgia Board of Regents property.

Communication services officers work dispatch, handle many escorts and provide general support to police officers. The most elite among these communication officers often can be found with a phone on each ear and typing on a computer, Mr. Jones said.

"This is the best group of people from top to bottom that I have ever worked with and I've worked with some really, really good people," Mr. Jones says. "These people are conscientious, they know their job, they want to do their job."

That translates to the MCG campus - which is larger than some Georgia cities - being a safe campus.

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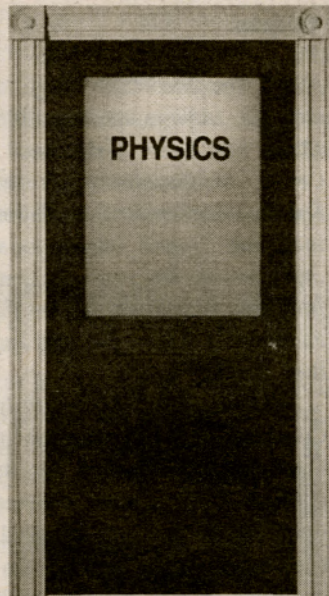
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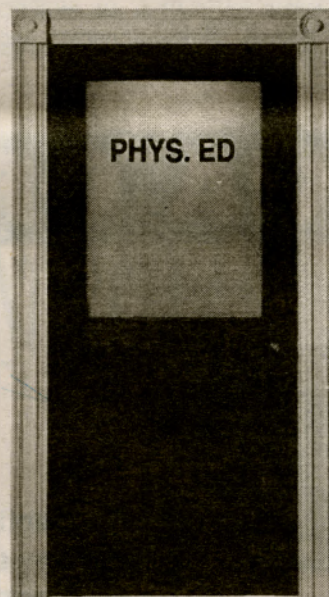
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## MCG Spotlight



This edition of the Beeper spotlights N.V. Zubaida, student laboratory manager for the Department of Medical Technology. She earned a bachelor's degree in India and taught high school math before training as a med lab technician at Augusta Technical College. "She does an excellent job in support of our program and I believe is a truly outstanding and dedicated employee who deserves recognition," wrote Dr. Julia R. Crowley, chairman of the Department of Medical Technology, in her nomination letter. To nominate a colleague for the Spotlight, pass along the person's name and title, along with a brief synopsis of his or her contributions to MCG, to Beeper editor Christine Hurley Deriso at cderiso in Groupwise, ext. 1-2124 (phone), ext. 1- 6723 (fax) or FI-1042 (intercampus mail).

## MCG Named Center of Excellence by National Parkinson Foundation

■ Annual funding will support research, clinical initiatives

Toni Baker

The Medical College of Georgia Movement Disorders Clinic has been designated a Center of Excellence by the National Parkinson Foundation Inc., the largest international organization supporting scientific and clinical initiatives for Parkinson's disease patients and their families.

MCG is the only facility in Georgia and South Carolina to obtain this designation for its clinical and basic science research as well as physical, speech and occupational therapy programs for patients with this neurodegenerative disease.

As one of 62 Centers of Excellence, MCG will receive annual funding from the Miami-based foundation to support research, clinical initiatives and an annual symposium.

"We are excited about the opportunity to more closely affiliate with the premier organization in Parkinson's disease," said Dr. Kapil D. Sethi, neurologist and director of MCG's Movement Disorders Clinic. "The National Parkinson Foundation not only supports the professionals who provide care and explore better treatments, but also the patients and families who live with this disease."

"We sought this designation because the foundation's goals are in concert with ours: to expand the opportunities we offer our patients and their families as well as to promote awareness, foster research and ultimately find a cure for this dreadful disease."

Don Snell, president and



Dr. Kapil D. Sethi

chief executive officer of MCG Health, Inc., which manages MCG's clinical facilities, commented, "This significant achievement of the Georgia Movement Disorders Clinic par-

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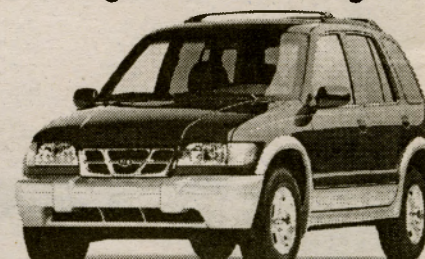
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allels one of the most important strategic imperatives of MCG Health, Inc.: to develop and promote clinical centers of excellence. It is a step toward our achieving the health care leadership position in the Central Savannah River Area."

Designation as a center of excellence is reviewed annually by the National Parkinson Foundation.

MCG HealthCare, the university's health system, provides the latest medical and surgical treatment – including pallidotomy and deep brain stimulation – for Parkinson's disease, Dr. Sethi said. MCG also is involved in numerous clinical studies to find better treatments, including evaluation of several new drugs that slow disease progression. Also, MCG researchers are exploring the mechanisms of cell death associated with Parkinson's disease, including environmental toxins, and the use of stem cells to reverse the disease process.

# MCG Group Shares Expertise About Effects of Illness on Sexuality

■ Members stress importance of educating health care professionals about healthy sexual functioning

Christine Hurley Deriso

Think fast: Name a medical condition that has no potential effect on sexual functioning. OK, here's an easier test: Name one that doesn't.

Countless conditions can affect sexuality, but health care providers may not make the connection. The Human Sexuality Multispecialty Group at the Medical College of Georgia consists of specialists in many areas of health care sharing information about human sexuality and helping ensure that threats to healthy sexuality don't go unnoticed.

Group members represent fields such as psychiatry, obstetrics/gynecology, urology, endocrinology, cardiology and internal medicine.

"We felt that in working together, we could further our goals much more rapidly than we could working in isolation," said Dr. Diane Solorsh, a Medical College of Georgia psychologist who helped form the group. "We're trying to raise consciousness about causes of sexual problems, encourage health care professionals to ask questions,

make sure they have the information they need to relay to their patients and improve the education of medical students in this area."

Dr. Solorsh noted that patients are often reluctant to discuss sexual problems with physicians. "They may feel they don't want to trouble the doctor with their problems or concerns," Dr. Solorsh said. And too often, physicians don't think to ask.

Understandably, many health care providers are diagnosis-oriented, "and diagnoses tend to label people in exclusively medical terms," she said. In addition to treating obvious symptoms, physicians must be attuned to subtler implications — including sexual problems — of medical conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, cancer, depression and obesity, Dr. Solorsh said.

Many health care providers are either misinformed or in the dark about how disease affects sexuality, she noted. And if both the patient and physician are reluctant to broach the topic, treatable problems may go

unaddressed. "If you don't address these issues, a lot of presumptions are perpetuated," Dr. Solorsh said.

The group recently surveyed U.S. and Canadian medical schools to determine how much instruction students receive about human sexuality. "We found huge variability," Dr. Solorsh said. "Sexuality doesn't get addressed per se in licensing exams, so many schools don't teach it."

The group, which next will survey nursing schools, plans to develop educational materials to fill in the gaps. Dr. Solorsh hopes the materials will not only provide information but will help broaden students' comfort zone with the subject. If the students find such matters embarrassing, she said, they will likely relay their discomfort to their future patients.

"I maintain that a lot depends on the attitude of the doctor or counselor a patient initially approaches about a sexual problem," she said. "If the patient gets vibes that the doctor isn't comfortable, not much will happen."

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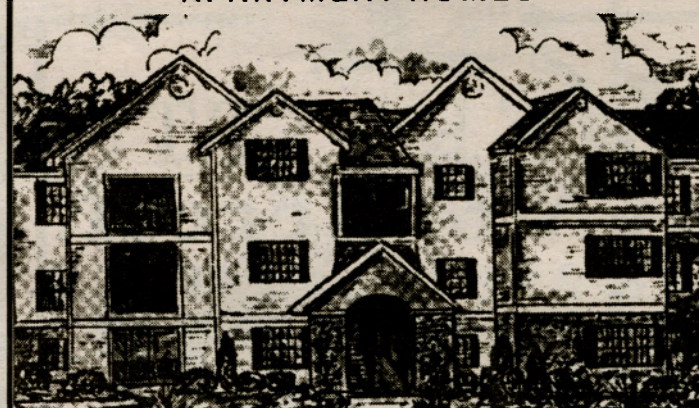
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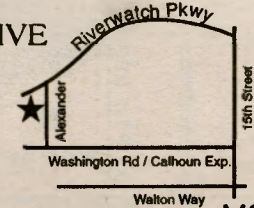
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## Ms. Hughes Named Director of Corporate Partnership Program

Jennifer Hughes has been named director of the Medical College of Georgia Corporate Partnership Program, which familiarizes the business community with MCG research and fosters opportunities for collaboration. She will begin Sept. 1.

Ms. Hughes earned a bachelor's degree in communication from the College of Charleston and has worked with the Augusta corporate community in several capacities.

"I very much look forward to Ms. Hughes joining our staff," said Bruce Howerton, interim vice president for university advancement. "She has excellent communications skills and will be an asset to MCG."

The CPP's 103 members are invited to campus regularly to witness MCG research firsthand and to learn how to maximize the benefits of corporate collaboration with biomedical researchers. With membership fees ranging from \$1,000 to \$25,000, CPP funds generated more than

\$750,000 to help establish a \$1.5 million Eminent Scholar Chair in Molecular Biology currently held by Dr. William S. Dynan, professor of biochemistry and molecular biology. Dr. Dynan is researching the process that stimulates the immune system to attack its body's own tissues, resulting in potentially deadly diseases such as lupus or scleroderma.

Dr. Dynan is a faculty member in MCG's Institute of Molecular Medicine and Genetics, established in 1993 to develop state-of-the-art facilities for research in molecular immunology, cell signaling, developmental biology, gene regulation and neuro-oncology. The institute is housed in the \$21 Interdisciplinary Research Building, which opened in 1996, funded entirely through private and institutional resources. The facility also serves scientists throughout the University System of Georgia and biotechnical companies within the state.

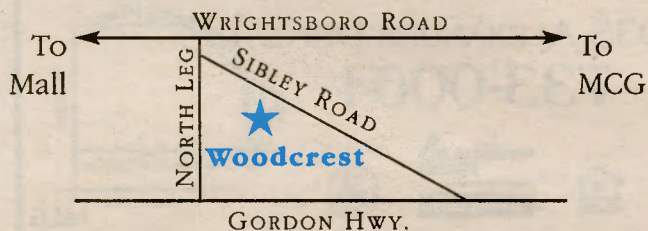
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Health care professionals also shouldn't assume that their patients - including seemingly worldly young adults - are knowledgeable about sexual matters. "A lot of young people don't know as much as they think they know," Dr. Solursh said. "Their primary sources of information are friends, the Internet and the media, and a lot of that information is wrong. There are often major gaps in what they know."

The Human Sexuality Multispecialty Group is anxious to help fill in the gaps. "We're really excited about developing educational materials and raising the consciousness level," Dr. Solursh said. "Sexual problems are extremely common; that's the bottom line. So many people suffer needlessly. We want them to get the help they need."

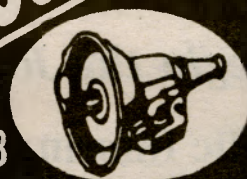
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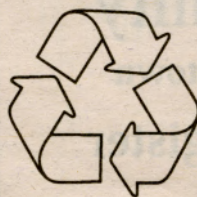
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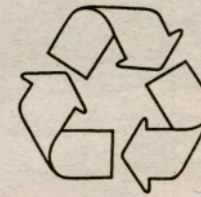
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## Dr. Barnes Discusses Meditation at National Workshop

Toni Baker

Dr. Vernon A. Barnes, a physiologist at the Medical College of Georgia's Georgia Prevention Institute, discussed the impact of meditation on cardiovascular function at the recent National Workshop on Complementary and Alternative Medicine in Bethesda, Md.

During the workshop, sponsored by the National, Heart, Lung and Blood Institute and the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine, Dr. Barnes reviewed several studies evaluating the underlying hemodynamic mechanisms that lower blood pressure during meditation in at-risk adolescents. He also reviewed studies suggesting meditation's efficacy in treating adult hypertension.

His most recent findings indicate a benefit of meditation on cardiovascular function at rest and during acute laboratory stress in adolescents at risk for hypertension. The findings are being cross-validated in a large, school-based program in at-risk African-American adolescents in Augusta.

He also presented new research on the impact of meditation on 24-hour ambulatory blood pressure and cardiac output in African-American adolescents, which may help explain the underlying mechanisms responsible for lowering blood pressure.

Dr. Barnes was among some 20 speakers at the workshop designed to promote the exchange of information and ideas between alternative-medicine practitioners and scientists in cardiovascular, lung and blood research.

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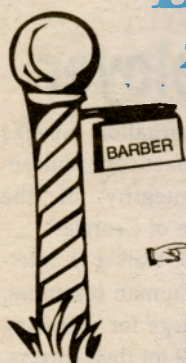
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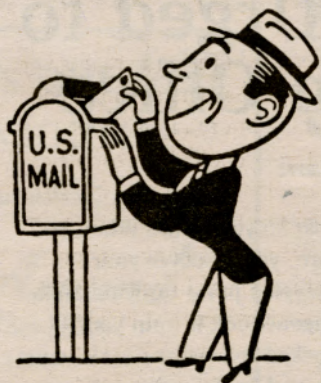
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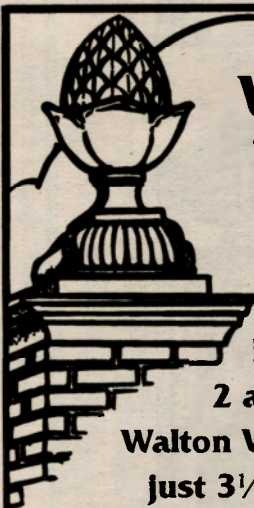
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# Study Enables Regents to Align Goals with Governor's Goals

■ Plan emphasizes results and accountability as educational priorities

An executive summary of a comprehensive study assessing the performance of the University System of Georgia was presented Aug. 8 to the Board of Regents.

Conducted in voluntary collaboration with the governor's office, the Benchmarking and Management Review is enabling the university system to link its goals and objectives with those of Georgia Gov. Roy Barnes. Gov. Barnes is revising the State Strategic Plan to emphasize results and accountability as educational priorities, and is auditing state agencies' business practices to identify potential efficiencies.

The three-pronged university system project "may well establish a model for developing indicators and measuring performance, for both other state agencies and other public higher-education systems," according to the executive summary.

The Pappas Consulting Group was the primary consultant for the project. The firm's president, Dr. Alceste T. Pappas, is the project leader/director. James H. Roth, partner-in-charge of Arthur Andersen LLP's Higher Education Practice, is the project co-leader/director. Dr. J. Kent Caruthers, senior partner of MGT of America, Inc., directs the benchmarking components of the review.

Scope I of the study, already completed, involved collecting data from national peer institutions to assess comparable performance on strategic performance indicators. Scope II, also completed, involved reviewing key functions at the Board of Regents central office and of four university system institutions representing various sectors of colleges and universities. Scope III, scheduled for fall completion, will develop methods for defining, collecting and analyzing data for accountability purposes.

"The good news is the initial findings reflect the university system and its campuses are professionally managed, and the institutions perform well on a number of key indicators," said Dr. Pappas. "However, we also have identified areas for improvement."

"Once we receive the team's final report, we will have a rich source of self-improvement data," said University System of Georgia Chancellor Stephen R. Portch. "The Board of Regents is committed to spending the year ahead responding to what we've learned. In fact, this will be a key focus of the board's new chairman."

According to the consultants, the study's objectives are to continue to increase system and institutional effectiveness and efficiency; to develop baselines for further system and institutional performance; and to establish a sustainable process to support the governor's and regents' long-term accountability agenda.

In the benchmarking section of the report, the external consultants noted that the university system performs well in several areas, including freshman and sophomore retention rates; diversity of the study body; percentage of students completing associate degrees in the system's two-year sector and transferring to a senior institution; relationships with the state's kindergarten-through-grade-12 sector; and relationships with local and business communities.

The report noted that "each of the 34 institutions has notable achievements over the past five years that reflect system priorities." The report also identified several opportunities for improved performance within the university system, noting that "USG institutions generally perform below normal on six-year graduation rates (not inclusively); consistent/uniform survey and information collection to measure satisfaction of the system's non-research sectors; consistent/uniform survey and information collection to measure graduates' achievements; and higher-than-average expenditures per capita."

The report outlined several next steps that can be taken to improve performance outputs, including implementing recommendations that address graduation rates; student, alumni and employer satisfaction; measurement of graduates' achievements; and administrative expenditures.

The management review component of the study assessed purchasing cycles, budget, facilities design and construction, warehouse operations, materials requisitioning and business service practices at the regents' central office and representative campuses. Potential operational efficiencies were identified totaling more than \$5 million, which could be redirected to non-funded and under-funded system and institutional needs. The largest portion of these cost avoidances, however, would require policy changes by state officials. The greatest dollar amount of these efficiencies was identified in the facilities design and construction arena.

## MCG Honored as Outstanding Employer

The Medical College of Georgia has received an Employer of the Year Award from Kerr Business College.

MCG has employed 15 Kerr Business College graduates in the past year, 86 percent of whom have been retained.

"We are delighted that yet another company of such high

caliber, positive community standing and success benefits from the employment of our graduates, and also realizes the importance and value of hiring new college graduates," said Dawn McCraith, acting director of Augusta's Kerr Business College. "The fact that [our graduates] are satisfied with their

employment situation speaks well of the practices, philosophies and integrity of the Medical College of Georgia."

Solomon W. Walker II, interim director of human resources, lauded the college for preparing its students well for their careers. "The college is doing a great job of training students," he said.



# Board of Regents Forms Technology Committee

■ Group's formation reflects ever-expanding role of technology in higher education

The University System of Georgia has established a Board of Regents Technology Committee, an outgrowth of the board's recently adopted, system-wide Technology Master Plan.

The committee will address academic and administrative technology issues, according to Dr. Daniel S. Papp, senior vice chancellor for academic affairs with the University System of Georgia. The committee also will interact significantly with other regent committees, including the Education, Research and Extension Committee and the Finance and Business Operations Committee.

"The formation of the committee is additional proof that the regents are highly interested in and committed to the role of technology in higher education," said Dr. Papp. "The university system is clearly demonstrating its commitment to integrating technology into its educational mission."

The university system's Technology Master Plan, developed with the assistance of Arthur Andersen LLP, provides direction and recommendations for improved usage of information technologies to support the

system's immediate and long-term goals and challenges.

The plan identifies the services best provided by the system, the appropriate technical architecture at the system level and the appropriate organizational structure for the regents' Office of Informational and Instructional Technology. The plan also provides master planning templates that university system institutions will use to create customized plans reflecting the technology needs of their campuses.

"Technology is a significant expenditure for the University System of Georgia, and it's important that the Board of Regents focus its attention on the technological infrastructure we use to deliver higher education to the citizens of Georgia," said Randall Thursby, vice chancellor for information and instructional technology and the system's chief information officer.

Regents who will serve on the committee are Martin W. NeSmith of Claxton, Ga., chairman; Kenneth W. Cannestra of Atlanta; Juanita Powell Baranco of Lithonia, Ga.; and Regent James D. Yancey of Columbus, Ga.

# Training Offered for Stress Debriefing

Training will be offered this fall for Medical College of Georgia employees who join the Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Team, which counsels and otherwise assists members of the MCG community suffering from a work-related trauma.

Volunteers will be trained in six two-hour sessions com-

bining lectures and small-group discussions. The sessions will include information about acute psychological responses to trauma; post-traumatic stress disorder; how to conduct a defusing/debriefing session; and the special needs of children after a critical incident.

Training will be held in room 144 of the Auditoria

Center from noon to 2 p.m. on Sept. 13, 20 and 27 and Oct. 11, 18 and 25 (all Wednesdays).

An application must be filed with Belinda Pressley before training. For an application form or more information, contact Ms. Pressley at ext. 1-2599 or via e-mail.

# Travel Reimbursement Rates Change

Rates for mileage and meal reimbursement for employees traveling on Medical College of Georgia business have changed.

Employees now are reimbursed 28 cents a mile when using their own vehicles for transportation. Traveling employees will be reimbursed \$30 a day (\$5 for breakfast, \$8 for lunch and \$17 for dinner) for meals in most out-of-state locations. In-state rates are:

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## Newsbriefs

### Beeper Deadline

The deadline for the Sept. 7 edition of the *Beeper* is Tuesday, Aug. 29. The deadline for the Sept. 21 edition is Tuesday, Sept. 12. Direct all editorial correspondence to *Beeper* editor

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397, Augusta, Ga., 30903-0397 or telephone (706) 860-5455.

### Hospital News

Please contact Sandra Oak, MCG Health, Inc. public relations director, ext. 1-9177, for

*Beeper* coverage of news related to MCG Hospitals and Clinics.

### Kickoff Dinner

The MCG Resident/Fellow Chapter of the Christian Medical and Dental Society will sponsor a kickoff dinner Aug. 26 for MCG medical and dental residents and fellows and their spouses. The dinner will be from 5-9 p.m. at the home of Dr. Les Walters. For more information, including directions to the dinner, call Dr. Andy Sanders, 855-1713 (home) or 284-6411 (cell).

### PBS Broadcast

PBS will broadcast a program on death and dying in America, *On Our Own Terms*, hosted by Bill Moyers, Sept. 10-13 from 9-10:30 p.m.

### Depression Study

The MCG Department of Psychiatry and Health Behavior is seeking volunteers to deter-

mine the effectiveness of an investigational treatment for depression. Participants are needed who feel persistently sad, pessimistic and/or hopeless; have lost interest in things they usually enjoy; have difficulty concentrating; have trouble sleeping; feel continually tired, anxious, easily agitated and/or irritated; and/or have thoughts of suicide or death. Study procedures are free. For more information, call the study coordinator at ext. 1-7835.

### HPV Study

Healthy women age 15 to 25 who don't have an HPV (human papillomavirus) infection are needed for a study to determine the prevalence of HPV infection. Participants will receive a free examination, a free Pap smear and HPV testing. They will be paid for their participation. For more information, contact Lisa Woodward or Dr. Daron Ferris, Department of Family Medicine, at ext 1-7189.



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### Obituaries

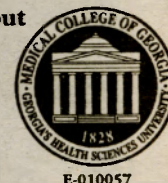
Norman P. Delaune, 50, dependent of Brenda F. Delaune, a senior licensed practical nurse, died July 31.

Linda Ptolomey, 55, dependent of Edward Ptolomey, clinical practitioner, died Aug. 3.

## TOOTH-COLORED FILLINGS

The Department of Oral Rehabilitation needs patients who want tooth-colored fillings instead of silver-colored fillings to treat a new cavity or to replace an existing silver-colored filling that is no longer sound. These subjects will participate in the clinical evaluation of two commercially available filling materials marketed to the dental profession as Surefil and Alert. Patients must be 21 or older, in good health and in need of a moderate to large filling on a molar tooth. This study has been approved by the Human Assurance Committee of the Medical College of Georgia. Patients may benefit by having an improved smile. The study will last 18 months. The restorations will be placed without charge to the subjects.

Principal Investigator:  
Dr. William D. Browning  
Department of Oral Rehabilitation



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## Outdated Directories Collected for Recycling

Medical College of Georgia employees are asked to turn in outdated phone directories for recycling by Aug. 31. The drop-off points are:

- Hall across from CB 1615 (Research and Education Building)
- Across from main elevators on first floor of CA building (Research Center Laboratory Building)
- First floor, DA building (Student Center)
- First floor, AA building (Administration) near elevator
- First floor, BF building (Murphey) near elevator
- First floor, FI kitchen (Alumni Center)
- First floor, HS building (Annex) near escalator
- BC building (Auditoria Center) main lobby
- First floor, AD building (School of Dentistry) near elevator
- First floor, AB vending area (library)
- First floor, AE building (Pavilion I)
- First, second and third floors, CJ building (Pavilion III) near elevators

## Course Offered for Health Professionals

The Medical College of Georgia will offer a course this fall to help health professionals optimize the efficiency and effectiveness of available resources.

The Health Services Research Certificate Course will be held Monday evenings Aug. 28 to Dec. 11 from 5-8 p.m. in the small auditorium of MCG's Auditoria Center. Class size is limited to 30, and participants must register.

The course will help participants describe the structure and process of health care delivery, evaluate the effectiveness of health care interventions and design and implement solutions to challenges in health care delivery. Health services research and health care economics will be emphasized.

Continuing education credits are available and refreshments will be served. To register or for more information, contact Billie Lamar at ext. 1-0995 (phone) or [blamar@mail.mcg.edu](mailto:blamar@mail.mcg.edu) (e-mail).

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