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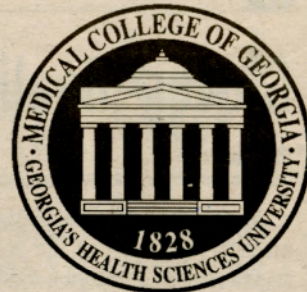
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## MCG employees help troubled youth find Epiphany

Ellen Gladden

On a chilly October morning, they lined up outside the razor-wired fences at 7 a.m.

Single-file, they proceeded into the large steel doors as the sun was beginning to climb above the horizon. Each waited for the officers to take their photo identification cards. Then each passed through the metal detectors.

And once inside the locked gates, this group of visitors to the Augusta Youth Development Campus began to sing. Songs of God's love, grace and peace filled the air inside the juvenile correctional facility for three days.

Since 1999, volunteers like Carol Murdoch, instructional designer with MCG's Office of Educational Design and Development, and Linda Wise, MCG's neonatal transport team coordinator, have given their time and love to the Epiphany of Georgia ministry. An ecumenical renewal weekend, Epiphany was designed in 1991 in Alabama to help break the cycle of recidivism in juvenile correctional facilities. Now volunteers in 12 states, representing dozens of Christian denominations, unite for months of prayer and planning prior to an Epiphany weekend.

The end result is three full days (7 a.m. to 7 p.m.) where students at

YDC get a break from their daily schedule of school work and cafeteria food for songs, recreation, and home-cooked meals.

On Friday morning, each student is given a name tag in the shape of a star, and is thereafter referred to as a star. Talks, skits and songs throughout the weekend affirm how each star is special, and teach that all of God's creations reflect His light. There are no discussions of why the boys, ages 12-19, have been sentenced to the facility. Stars and team members never reveal their last names to one another. The weekend progresses with an understanding of brotherly love between team and stars without regard to crime or judgment.

"The aim is two main things, really," explained Bob Sunderland, chairman of the Georgia Epiphany board of directors. "One is forgiveness. Forgiveness of themselves and others, and receiving forgiveness from God. The other is acknowledging their worth as a human being. A lot of these kids have not had many positive influences during childhood. And we remind them that God danced the day they were born."

Oct. 5-7, Mrs. Wise and Mrs. Murdoch were among 28 volunteers working at YDC during the fourth

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## What causes age-related infertility?

Toni Baker

An amino acid that helps brain cells communicate and is a suspect in age-related memory problems may also have a role in age-related infertility.

A Medical College of Georgia researcher wants to know whether the transmitter, glutamate, found in about half the junctures where brain cells communicate, continues to work properly as women age.

"We want to understand a basic science problem of how aging leads to a loss of reproductive function," said Dr. Darrell W. Brann, MCG neuroscientist, who was recently awarded a \$1 million grant from the National Institute of Aging to pursue that understanding.

He wants to know if glutamate effectiveness is altered with age, disrupting the circle of communication between the woman's brain and reproductive system that ultimately leads to ovulation.

These changes likely occur in women in their 40s, who may have a decade or more before they reach menopause, and may actually lead to premature menopause, Dr. Brann said.

And although his work is focused



Dr. Darrell W. Brann's glutamate research received a \$1 million grant from the NIA.

on the changing activity of glutamate in the reproductive system, he believes the age-related changes apply to other brain functions, such as memory, as well.

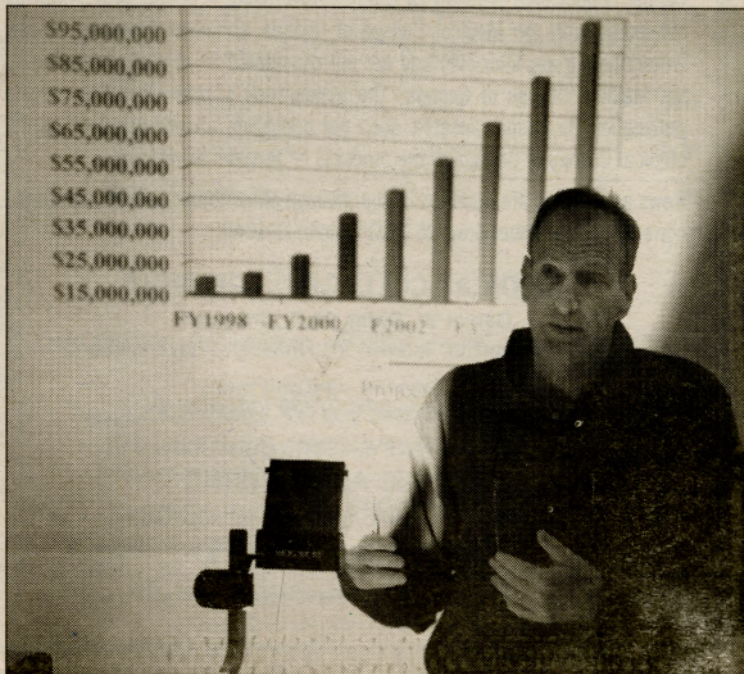
"We have done a lot of work

showing that glutamate is involved in regulating hormones released by the brain that control the ovulatory cycle," he said. This includes regulation of gonadotropin releasing hor-

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## Leadership Retreat

Dr. Matthew W. Kluger, vice-president for research and dean of the School of Graduate Studies, was among the presenters at the Senior Leadership Retreat Oct. 26-27 in the Alumni Center. Dr. Kluger discussed the status of MCG research, noting the 20 percent increase in extramural research dollars over the last two years as well as the strategy for future growth. The retreat provided a forum to begin charting the course for the university's future.



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## Glover-Mealing Chair Named

Toni Baker

Dr. Laura L. Mulloy, professor of medicine and chief of the Section of Nephrology, Hypertension and Transplantation Medicine at the Medical College of Georgia, has been awarded the Department of Medicine's Glover-Mealing Chair in Immunology.

"Dr. Mulloy has not only been the driving force in the department's clinical transplantation programs but also has led MCG's participation in clinical research trials in transplant immunosuppression," said Dr. Ralph J. Caruana, interim chairman of the Department of Medicine. "She has been a mentor for faculty in other departments whose clinical and research efforts relate to transplantation and been a departmental leader in helping take new discoveries that improve patient care from the laboratory to the bedside. Dr. Mulloy also is a leader in campus and community education in the areas of transplantation and organ donation. The endowed chair will allow Dr. Mulloy to devote more time to leadership activities on and off the MCG campus," Dr. Caruana said.

Dr. Mulloy, who has a special interest in transplant immunology, joined the MCG faculty in 1990 after completing a nephrology fellowship at MCG. She is a 1984 graduate of the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed internal medicine training at Texas Tech University in Lubbock and Waterbury Hospital Health Center of Yale University in Waterbury, Conn.



Dr. Laura L. Mulloy

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Epiphany weekend in Augusta. Each became involved in the program for different reasons, and each gained new insights from working with the 25 stars.

For Mrs. Murdoch the weekend is of personal benefit in addition to being a volunteer effort. "I derive as much benefit from the weekends as the stars do. I was very moved listening to the young men report what the weekend had meant to them. The Epiphany program is well structured to meet their needs. It is non-threatening and simply encourages each of them to recognize their value as human beings and children of God - in spite of where they are or what they have done," said Mrs. Murdoch.

Noting her association with Epiphany came from a first-hand experience with juvenile justice, (her son was briefly in a juvenile facility) Mrs. Wise recalled, "Only a handful of the boys would have visitors. My son would tell me the tales of the other kids and my heart would just break. I would write to my son every day and before long I was writing several of the boys and I was sending hand written scripture...at that time they would not let me leave a Bible for him."

Now the campus hosts weekly religious services and Bible study. Chorus and guitar classes are offered for students who wish to musically participate in services. A full-time staff member, Volunteer Resources Coordinator Diane Lamb, coordinates activities like Epiphany and other volunteer efforts on campus.

"It's been an excellent program for our students. We've had a lot of the staff make comments about the positive changes in attitude and behavior the students have after the Epiphany weekend. It's just a real positive impact here at Augusta YDC," said Mrs. Lamb.

Unfortunately the true impact of Epiphany can't be calculated. Tracking the recidivism of Epiphany participants is impossible because the records of incarcerated youth are sealed when they leave the YDC campus. However, the spiritual benefits of the program are reflected in the fact



Artwork by a star from Epiphany 4

that stars keep in contact with team volunteers through a post office box. Monthly reunion sessions, where team members visit the campus, provide an opportunity for stars and team to socialize or for Bible study. Mr. Sunderland explained one star from Epiphany #1, who has since been released, "has turned his life around, attends church regularly, and has served in some capacity on every Epiphany since."

Stars and volunteers will attest to the program's effectiveness in bringing Christianity to the lives of youth who may not have had spirituality in their upbringing.

"My relationship with God was not a very true one. I just used God during my bad times but never really talked to God. I learned that Christians do have fun. I learned that God loves us no matter where we've been, what we have done, or who we are. He will always be there," wrote a star after Epiphany #4.

"I am speacial (sic) not only through God's eyes but through others as well. God will (be) right beside me al' the days of my life through thick and thin. I plan to get my life together and group up with fellow stars around campus and to start a new way of life," said Jesse, another Epiphany #4 star.

"I have been on all four Georgia Epiphanies and I know that many lives have been changed. We are well

accepted by the officers because they have seen how the students are changed after the weekend. I have seen those that are professed atheists, Satan worshipers, wicca believers and others accept Christ and make a true change," said Mrs. Wise.

Although the Epiphany program is supported by parishioners of many churches, (local Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopal, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian and Baptist congregations have all had clergy and / or members on team) it is underwritten by no specific church. Mr. Sunderland notes the average cost of a weekend is \$3,000, which includes feeding 28 staff and 25 stars for an entire weekend, as well as purchasing a Bible and care

packages (hygiene items and candy) for each star. Donations from churches, team members and individuals provide Epiphany's financial support.

Spiritual support comes from churches and individuals from across the country who commit to pray for the Epiphany participants. Georgia's weekend #4 included cards, posters and letters from fellow Christians in Alabama, Colorado, California and North Carolina.

"It is wonderful to see how moved the stars are when they realize how many people are praying for them - all over the state and across the country. Their eyes betray their emotions as they read the many, many encouraging messages that have been sent to them from people they do not even know," said Mrs. Murdoch.

"The greatest thing anyone can do is to pray for the youth of our nation. All our youth, because even if these kids have done the worst things possible - I can see the good and the potential in each and everyone of them," said Mrs. Wise.

"Everyone loves and care (sic) for me. Especially God. We had so much people (sic) that cares about us," said Anthony, an Epiphany #4 star.

For more information about the Epiphany of Georgia ministry, contact Bob Sunderland at 868-7365 or rsunderland@knology.net.

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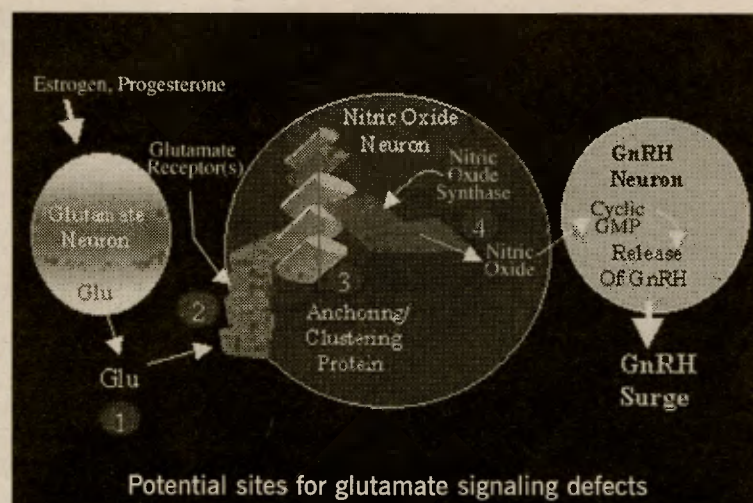
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mones, or GnRH, the central regulating signal.

The circle of communication begins when the ovary produces a follicle large enough to release an egg. The follicle then makes a lot of the chemical messengers, estrogen and progesterone, which get into the bloodstream, go to the brain and bind to receptors in the hypothalamus. The hypothalamus stimulates a large release of GnRH at midcycle which goes to the pituitary gland, prompting the release of two more hormones: luteinizing and follicle stimulating hormone. Luteinizing hormone goes to the ovary where it binds to a receptor and causes ovulation, Dr. Brann said of the process he describes as intricate and remarkable.

Dr. Brann's studies have inserted glutamate into this mix, producing evidence that the hormones estrogen and progesterone don't act directly on the GnRH neuron, rather they act through glutamate.

"We don't see any receptors for estrogen and progesterone on the GnRH neurons, but they have been found on glutamate neurons," Dr. Brann said.

Dr. Brann and his associates have shown that in a luteinizing hormone surge, glutamate release in the hypothalamus is increased and that if glutamate is blocked, the surge is eliminated.

"That suggests that glutamate is critical for the LH surge," he said. The researchers also know that in the middle-aged rat at least, there is a decrease in the LH surge which is ultimately responsible for the release of an egg. And, even if the amount of glutamate is increased, GnRH release is markedly down in these middle-aged rodents as well.

"Glutamate is not doing what it's supposed to be doing, what it does very well in the young animal," Dr. Brann said. "So that raises the

question of, 'Why?'"

To get an answer he's asking more questions such as whether glutamate release can decrease with age or whether its effectiveness just decreases.

"We have already shown that glutamate stimulation of GnRH is decreased at middle age, so it raises the question, 'Are there the right number of receptors in the right place?'" he said. To be effective, receptors have to be at the synapses, where cells come together to communicate.

"Maybe the right number of receptors are there, but maybe they are not at the right place in the cell," Dr. Brann said. So he is also measuring the activity of anchoring cluster proteins responsible for targeting receptors to these synapses.

He has also brought another player into the picture, nitric oxide, a short-lived yet abundant, multi-purpose gas found throughout the body. "[We think that] glutamate stimulates GnRH by activation of nitric oxide," he said. So the glutamate problem may result from a nitric oxide deficiency. To explore that angle, he's also measuring levels of nitric oxide as well as the activity of its precursor, nitric oxide synthase.

"Maybe glutamate is working fine up to this point and nitric oxide is not made in proper quantities," Dr. Brann said. "Or, maybe the nitric oxide is made properly but the GnRH neuron doesn't respond properly, so we are talking about receptors again. The fact is we don't really know that much about the aging brain," he said. "We see deficits, such as loss of reproductive function, as abnormal. I think this is probably a normal process, but we want to explain in detail the aging brain's role in infertility in women."

## Chamber partners with MCG in budget crisis

Ellen Gladden

With additional budget cuts looming in the statehouse, the Medical College of Georgia recently received a voice of support from the Augusta Metro Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber Chairman Ed Tarver recently sent local legislators and county commissioners a letter urging them to reconsider further financial cuts at MCG.

"We recognize that MCG is an important economic resource for this community," said Mr. Tarver. "We want the governor to consider the long-term effect of the cuts, not only on MCG but on the community as well. We believe that MCG's success is essential for improved economic development of Augusta."

Mr. Tarver noted the letter was written in close consultation with MCG "to ensure that we would not interfere with any initiatives or negotiations MCG might already have in place."

"We very much appreciate the chamber's show of support," said MCG President Daniel W. Rahn. "I think business leaders in the area realize the importance of our institution, both as an economic engine and as a conduit to improve the health and quality of life of Georgians. MCG has received incredible community support throughout our 173-year history, and this is further evidence of that close bond."

Noting that MCG is the second-largest employer in Richmond, Columbia and Burke Counties, Mr. Tarver said

the Augusta Metro Chamber often uses MCG to attract other talents to the area.

"We recognize that MCG is a state institution, and we're fortunate to have it located here in Augusta," said Mr. Tarver.

Meanwhile, Georgia Rep. Jack Connell says MCG was in the forefront of his mind even before receiving Mr. Tarver's letter.

"I think that's fine that the chamber did that, but I've already been working on it," said Rep. Connell. "I'm doing all I can to keep MCG from further budget cuts. [The state has been] trying to reduce their budget for several years. I'm already working for their needs."

District 144 Rep. Sue Burmeister gave kudos to the chamber for its efforts. "Obviously we've got a lot of intelligent people on our chamber in that they see MCG is vital to our community," said Rep. Burmeister. "I don't think it is unusual that they are doing this at this time. It may be touching MCG but it's really touching the whole community."

Noting MCG's many assets to the community, Mrs. Burmeister said, "It's a phenomenal training ground for medical students across the state. MCG is the cornerstone for the building of a biotechnology center for the state and for Augusta."

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From left, Mary Bannan, Certified Registered Nurse First Assistant; Dr. Sanford Hawkins; and Laurie Perry, RN volunteered at the World Trade Center site.

## MCG nurse helps in New York City

Steven Padgett

We have all seen the images of the planes crashing into the World Trade Center and the mass destruction as the two towers collapsed. Medical College of Georgia Certified Registered Nurse First Assistant Mary Bannan has been to ground zero as a member of the Georgia Disaster Medical Team 4 and the visit has changed her life.

"I still have not found the words to describe what I saw and felt," said Mrs. Bannan. "To watch all the firefighters stop and pay their last respects as one of their brothers was taken away from the pile will always be with me."

Mrs. Bannan spent two weeks providing medical assistance to firefighters, police officers and other relief workers in medical tents on the site of the former World Trade Center. Most injuries were cuts from the scrap metal but also included crushing injuries from moving debris. Another medical concern was the air quality with all the dust, ashes and smoke. With so many of their colleagues lost, often firefighters would battle depression. Mrs. Bannan and others were encouraged to decorate their hard hats with items from their stay in New York to lift the spirits of firefighters and other rescue workers.

The outpouring of support from all over the country and around the world has touched relief workers, including Mrs. Bannan. She returned to Augusta Oct. 19 with thank-you letters from school children from all over the country. Mrs. Bannan plans to answer their letters. Also, teddy bears from all across the nation and around the world were given to relief workers. Many had little sayings of thanks or prayers for their safety on them.

"The support was remarkable from all over the place and helped us each day to keep our spirits high. I was really honored to get to go and provide some assistance. There was a lot of crying and hugging as we tried to help each other make it through the days. This event has truly changed how I think of things and puts more emphasis on the important things in life," said Mrs. Bannan.



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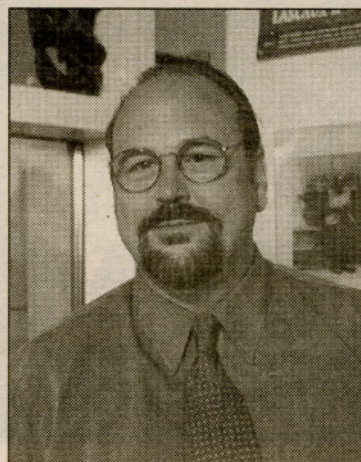
## UGA cancer researcher to discuss biotechnology

Toni Baker

Dr. James Michael Pierce, professor of biochemistry and molecular biology at the University of Georgia, will discuss "Glycobiology in the Post-Genome Era: Applications for Cancer Biotechnology" at the Medical College of Georgia Deans' Symposium Nov. 27.

Dr. Pierce, who also is a member of UGA's Complex Carbohydrate Research Center, will talk at 4 p.m. in the first-floor auditorium of the MCG School of Dentistry.

The guest speaker earned his doctorate in biology from Johns Hopkins University and completed a postdoctoral fellowship in biochemistry at the University of California, Berkeley. Dr. Pierce joined the faculty of the University of Miami School of Medicine in



Dr. James Michael Pierce

1982 as a staff investigator in the Papanicolaou Comprehensive Cancer Center. He has been on the UGA faculty for 10 years.

He is a recipient of the American Cancer Society five-year Faculty Research Award and a reviewer for the Clinical Research Study Section of the California Cancer Research Program. He serves as a program project reviewer for the National Cancer Institute and the National Institutes of Health and as an ad hoc reviewer for the NIH Pathobiology Study Section. In 2000, he was a visiting scholar with the Tokyo Metropolitan Research Institute Cell Signaling Program.

His research is currently funded by the NIH and the UGA Research Foundation and he has received continuous support from the National Cancer Institute since 1983.

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## MCG professors, students have fun with serious issues

Ellen Gladden

What do an Medical College of Georgia occupational therapy professor, a 13-year-old thespian and a public school psychologist have in common?

Puppets, of course.

For Dr. Lynn Jaffe in the Department of Occupational Therapy, Greenbrier Middle School student Mark Brown and Liz Johnson of the Columbia County School District, puppeteering is the common thread that brings them together to educate children. All are volunteers who give their time to MCG's The Kids on the Block (KOB) puppet troupe, one of over 1,700 such groups that aim to heighten diversity awareness.

Using a Japanese style of puppetry called Bunraku, where puppeteers wear all black and form the puppet's shadow during the movements, nearly 20 MCG volunteers perform skits on topics as diverse as the performers are individually. Programs address issues from healthy snacking to sexual abuse. Medical and social issues involved with spina bifida, teenage pregnancy and asthma are explained with the assistance of 3-foot-tall foam and cloth puppets. In one script, Mark Riley, a puppet character created to help children learn about cerebral palsy, helps his friends Brenda and Melody learn about bicycle safety because he too has to wear a helmet in his wheelchair.

"One of the things I like the most is that the facts are really well-researched. They say six months are spent researching each of the scripts," Mrs. Johnson said about the materials provided by KOB Inc.

And since scripts are appropriate for first grade and higher, the KOB program has found its way into several classrooms at MCG.

"I've thought of it more in terms of using the puppets as a vehicle for other discussion. That's why we've used them for orientation for new students," said Dr. Jaffe.

Dr. Nancy Webb, associate professor of pediatrics and occupational therapy

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A recent Kids on the Block puppet show was attended by more than 100 students from Lincolnton, GA.

## Students sing sweet potato praises

Ellen Gladden

The days are getting shorter, but waistlines tend to get larger as the holiday season approaches. Festive meals at your Great-Aunt Matilda's house and the potluck suppers with friends from class can take their toll.

With the first major feast of the season just around the corner, the Beeper asked MCG students how they plan to spend their "Turkey Day."

A hundred percent of respondents said that a large meal with friends and family is on the agenda. No surprises there, especially in light of recent tragedies that are bringing our nation closer together.

The largest majority of survey responses (just over 32 percent) came from the dental school. Let's hope they are all brushing and flossing after meals of "turkey, ham, several vegetables and several deserts (sic) like several dental respondents noted. (All that "desert" sand can't be good for the gums.) Respondents' two top dessert choices were "pumpkin pie" and pecan pie. Jill Quarles, a student in the School of Medicine, says sweet potato crunch (her grandmother's recipe of sweet potatoes, sugar, butter, cinnamon, brown sugar and pecans) is a family favorite. Over 75 percent of all responses named sweet potatoes as an essential course.

While some students say family tradition calls for "the oldest male family member present" to cut and serve the turkey, dental student Johnathan Wimer says, "Generally I cut the meat. No special reason, I just do it better than anyone in my family." One nursing student noted, "My dad usually does it, but not as a tradition thing...just because my mom does everything else and she tells him to do it 'cause she doesn't want to mess with it."

Medical student William Maddox says his family uses Thanksgiving as a salute to the female of the house. "My grandmother, the true matriarch of the family, is the first one seated and served," he said.

And although the U.S. Department

of Agriculture reports that 45 million turkeys are cooked and eaten each year at Thanksgiving, birds of a feather don't always flock together. Graduate student Mike Boasso noted, "My dad cooks steak because we hate turkey." Meanwhile nursing student Michelle Smith explained her family's French-Canadian heritage is reflected in their meal of thanks. "My mom makes things that her mom made for her as a child such as a meat pie called Tourtiere and bread that my dad makes that his father also made," she said.

An overwhelming 83 percent of respondents said the great feast is immediately followed by "watching football" or playing football with friends and family. Allied health student Angela Moon said playing games or going bowling are common post-meal activities.

So why do Americans gather each year on the third Thursday of November to gorge themselves and watch football?

One student in allied health sciences said Thanksgiving is a day to "realize how much we do have because Americans have become so greedy and we are one of the most blessed countries." Dental student Joi Shaw says the day is her chance "to give thanks to God for all that he has done for us." For Shaw's classmate Ronald Reagan Jr., "Thanksgiving is a special holiday for the simple fact that it allows our family to get together and enjoy one another...My mother-in-law makes a mean turkey and dressing." Stephanie Wooldridge in allied health sciences says this is "a time to reflect on things good and not so

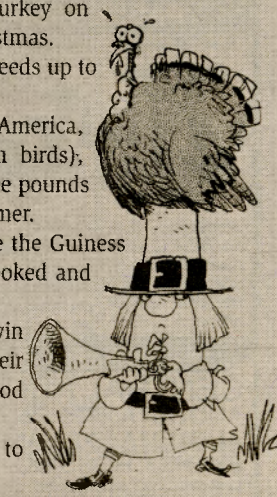
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## Gobbledee-Goo: Turkey trivia for table talk

This Nov. 22 as you reach for more stuffing, contemplate the fact that the average 30-pound turkey is "stuffed" with 75 to 80 pounds of feed (a balanced diet of corn and soybean meal supplemented with vitamins and minerals) in his lifetime.

Other turkey talk you may want to use for family banter - instead of discussing that "unusual" gift your third cousin gave you last holiday season - follows:

- Ninety percent of American homes eat turkey on Thanksgiving. Fifty percent eat turkey on Christmas.
- Wild turkeys can fly for short distances at speeds up to 55 miles per hour.
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Cathy Green (in white coat) helps nursing students assess health and safety issues in patient's home.

## Nursing students noted nationally for assisting elderly

Christine Hurley Deriso

A Medical College of Georgia School of Nursing initiative to immerse students in the lives of homebound elderly has received a first-place award from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

The AACN/Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing Award for Exceptional Curriculum in Gerontologic Nursing honors MCG's undergraduate nursing class matching students with the some of the community's most vulnerable citizens. The students, supervised by course director Cathy Green, travel in pairs to the homes of infirm and relatively isolated elderly Augustans. The students, who visit each resident six times, follow a set of guidelines, including reviewing medications and measuring vital signs, to assess health and safety issues.

The guidelines were developed from the *Best Nursing Practices in Care for Older Adults*, written by the John A.

Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing at New York University's Division of Nursing.

"This is a hidden population," Ms. Green said of the elderly her students visit. "Nobody sees them because they're at home all the time. [Our visits] may be the first time anybody has positively impacted their lives in a long time."

As the nursing students assess the residents' overall health and safety, they also form friendships and learn to empathize with a population that otherwise may have remained largely invisible to them, Ms. Green said.

"[This initiative] demonstrates exceptional innovation, relevance and replicability, the primary award criteria," according to the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

The School of Nursing received a \$1,000 award during the association's Oct. 21 fall meeting.

## TURKEY ... from page 5

good that have happened and be grateful that I was blessed enough to have made it through those experiences, hopefully a little wiser." Medical student Eric Sternberg noted, "God knows in today's world we need more days like this to enjoy our friends and family and to enjoy our country."

And while many of us are at the home of family for our feast, nursing student Holly Carney and her family enjoy the "hot rods" at the Turkey Rod Runner Car Show at the Daytona International Speedway. "Thanksgiving to me means being with my family and enjoying each other's company while catching rays at the beach," said Ms. Carney. Perhaps the most well-traveled respondent was medical student Hillary Irons, who said that due to distance from home (she has family in Kansas, Colorado and on the west coast), "Sometimes I eat with friends who live nearby, or I help out a soup kitchen. In the past, I have also had Thanksgiving dinner at Waffle House, a Jewish diner, and a Chinese restaurant - the only places open!"

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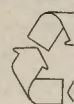
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## Students take a walk to help others



Gearing up for their roles as health care practitioners, the Physician Assistant Class of 2003 recently participated in the American Heart Association's Heart Walk at the Augusta State University campus. The class collected donations from family, friends and faculty and hosted a departmental breakfast to raise over \$1,000 for the AHA's heart disease and stroke prevention missions. This semester, studies of the cardiovascular system in physiology and clinical medicine, as well as stroke studies in neurology, linked the curriculum to community service for the class.

## PUPPETS ... from page 5

and coordinator of the puppeteers, has also found the activity is a great opportunity for student outreach. On Nov. 27, those in her students for Community Involvement class will witness puppet shows on gang prevention and teen pregnancy.

"I like students to get involved and give back to the community. The community involvement plants a seed for future practitioners and the communities they will serve. That's one purpose. Another is to educate about these difficult issues. Cerebral palsy is a very difficult subject," said Dr. Webb.

But the tension of the topics covered is softened by the colorful and friendly messengers. Puppeteers say the young audiences often ask some poignant questions after the programs.

"When we did asthma, the kids asked questions that are really important... 'What happens if I have an asthma attack at school? What if I don't have my inhaler?' Things you wouldn't expect a 5-year-old to say," said puppeteer Kanchan Chitaley, a graduate student in physiology.

This year alone Dr. Webb estimates her group of volunteers has educated thousands of children and adults. Recently 110 middle-school students from Lincoln made the puppet show in the Children's Medical Center the focus of a field trip.

The rewards of volunteering are numerous, says puppeteer Heather Branam, senior lab technician in the Department of Physiology.

"I love to see the children's faces light up as they see

the puppets for the first time. The Kids on the Block puppets are so large and colorful! It's especially rewarding to perform for patients at the Children's Medical Center; to know that in some small way, I've helped make their hospital stay a little less painful," said Ms. Branam.

But manipulating the 5-12 pound characters with one arm, moving the puppet's arms and legs with the other arm, all the while reciting 20 minutes' worth of dialog has its challenges.

"You have to keep the puppet's mouth moving with one hand, and make the words match. And it's not like it's you. Sometimes it's a person with a disability or a speech problem. You have to show people different than yourself...how people go through life with disabilities," said Mr. Brown.

Meanwhile, personal education is also a part of the process for volunteers. "The most important thing I've learned through teaching diversity/medical awareness to others is everyone is curious (whether it's children or adults) about issues and/or conditions they are unfamiliar with. This curiosity often leads to unintentional yet hurtful actions, such as staring, name-calling, stereotyping, etc. We hope to teach that it's OK to be curious, and most people are willing to discuss issues and/or conditions if asked in a genuine tone and proper manner," said Ms. Branam.

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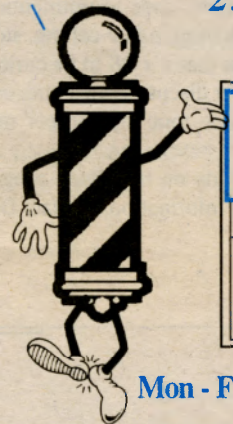
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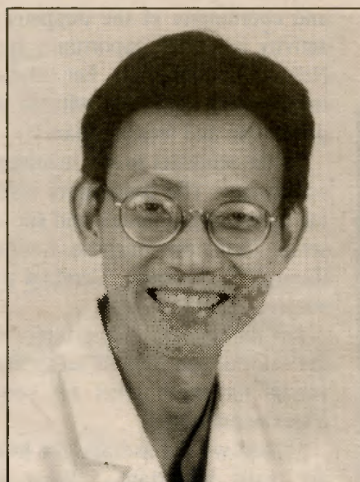
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## MCG names chief of plastic surgery



Dr. Jack Yu

Dr. Jack Yu, chief of pediatric plastic surgery at the Medical College of Georgia, has been named chief of the MCG Section of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.

Dr. Yu, who also is director of the MCG Craniofacial Center, has served as interim chief of plastic surgery since the June 30 retirement of Dr. Kenna S. Given.

He came to MCG in 1994 from the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. Dr. Yu is a 1985 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. He completed his general surgery residency - including a year as chief resident - and a plastic surgery residency at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. He completed a craniofacial fellowship at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

He received the 2000 Bernd Spiessel Research Award from the American Society of Maxillofacial Surgeons Research Committee and Synthes Maxillofacial Corporation for his studies on skull and bone formation with Dr. James L. Borke in the MCG School of Dentistry and researchers at Georgia Southern University. Also in 2000, he received the Distinguished Faculty Award for Clinical Science Research in the MCG School of Medicine.

His research is funded by the National Institutes of Health.

## Depressed elderly urged to seek help

Christine Hurley Deriso

Think of a person with depression, and who do you picture? An angst-ridden teen? A harried parent? An over-extended businessperson?

Actually, one the populations at highest risk for depression - but perhaps least noted for it - is the elderly, according to Dr. Diane Solursh, a clinical psychologist who served the Medical College of Georgia for 15 years before retiring last year. Dr. Solursh discussed

depression, particularly among the elderly, as a guest speaker Sept. 11 for the MCG Retirees Association.

"Depression is under-recognized, under-diagnosed and under-treated, particularly in older people," Dr. Solursh said. "Many attribute symptoms of depression to the aging process; it may affect areas like memory, concentration and organizational skills. But when these people are treated for depression, you would be surprised how often those

faculties come back."

Of course, sadness in life is inevitable - particularly for older people, who generally experience more loss than others, Dr. Solursh said. But whereas grief is a normal, acute response to a loss, depression is a more lingering malaise, often not associated with external circumstances. "Grief and depression are not the same thing, but they're dealt with in our society as if they were the same," she said. "During grief, your heart may insist on a journey through darkness and despair until you're ready to move on. Sometimes you need to feel the pain. If you are strait-jacketed by medication, you'll just prolong the process. There are times when it is appropriate to be sad."

On the other hand, medications and other forms of therapy often very effectively treat depression, she said. But the elderly, who tend to be stoic and self-reliant, may hesitate to avail themselves of it. "Many people equate depression with weakness, which is not true," Dr. Solursh said. "The thinking is, 'If I'm determined enough, I can lick this.' But overcoming depression is not a matter of will."

She urges those struggling with depression to seek help. "We have some amazing medications today that weren't available even two years ago," Dr. Solursh said. "The chances of successful treatment are much greater than they used to be. We have to give ourselves permission to ask for help. In most cases, help is available."

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A Medical College of Georgia physician has edited the book "The Art of the Physician: A Guide for Providers and Patients."

Dr. Cynthya L. Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology in Bedford County, Virginia, is a specialist at the University of Virginia. She produced the book "Diagnostic Imaging: A Practical Approach" W.B. Saunders Company. The book is an edition of "The Art of the Physician: A Guide for Providers and Patients." The book is a collection of essays by various authors, including Dr. Cynthya L. Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology in Bedford County, Virginia, is a specialist at the University of Virginia. She produced the book "Diagnostic Imaging: A Practical Approach" W.B. Saunders Company. The book is an edition of "The Art of the Physician: A Guide for Providers and Patients."

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Dr. Brantley A. prostatic, laryngeal and penile cancer research, urological. He is a specialist at the University of California, San Francisco. He produced the book "Diagnostic Imaging: A Practical Approach" W.B. Saunders Company. The book is an edition of "The Art of the Physician: A Guide for Providers and Patients."

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## MCG nurse researcher publishes third edition of reference book

Christine Hurley Deriso

A Medical College of Georgia faculty member has co-edited the third edition of a book that health care providers and students worldwide use as a reference tool.

Dr. Cynthia C. Chernecky, associate professor in the Department of Adult Health Nursing, Barbara J. Berger, director of nurses at University Hospitals Health System in Bedford, Ohio, and Ruth Krech, a clinical nurse specialist at the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio, produced the first edition of the book, *Laboratory Tests and Diagnostic Procedures*, in 1993. The book, published by W.B. Saunders Co., was so successful that an updated edition was subsequently published in several languages. The third edition, with still more updated information, was published this year. Dr. Chernecky and Ms. Berger served as editors of the second and third editions.

The book compiles information and expertise from health care providers, including many at the Medical College of Georgia, regarding more than 900 laboratory tests and diagnostic procedures. The first section is categorized by disease or illness. The reader looks up a particular condition to determine the tests and procedures recommended to diagnose and/or treat it. The second section explains all the tests. Also included are lists of the potential side effects and contraindications of treatments and tests, the minimum blood volume needed for a test if applicable, information about genetic testing and a section about herbal and natural remedies.

"The text is well-organized with plain English," wrote a customer in a review posted on Amazon.com. "This is

a very useful book that I'd like to recommend to every medical student."

The book is equally apt for other health sciences students and professionals in every area of health care, Dr. Chernecky said. "I wrote [the first edition of] the book out of frustration because as a clinician, I found nothing out there that was quick, accurate and comprehensive enough to optimize patient care," she said.

She began the project with a wealth of information from her own experience as a nurse, educator and researcher. She and Ms. Berger then tapped the expertise of their own colleagues, as well as health care professionals from other universities. Dr. Chernecky said she enjoyed immersing herself in the works of faculty from all five of MCG's schools. "I think it shows that the schools can work together at MCG and create a good project, particularly when the subject is excellent patient care," she said.

The first edition of the book took seven years to complete. "We were starting from scratch," Dr. Chernecky noted. "Then, as soon as the first edition was published, we started compiling information for the next edition, and then the next."

Dr. Chernecky has written 14 health care books throughout her career, including four books in a series, *Real-World Nursing Series* published by W.B. Saunders Co., explaining particularly difficult nursing concepts. "I've enjoyed working as an editor and author, then using the experience to mentor my colleagues about the process," she said.

## Urologic oncologist joins MCG

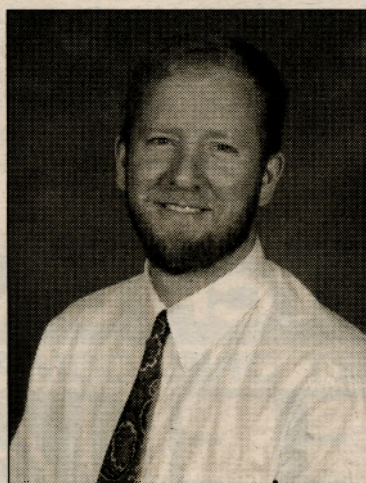
Toni Baker

Dr. James A. Brown, former chief of the Urology Department at the David Grant U.S. Air Force Medical Center at Travis Air Force Base in California, has joined the Medical College of Georgia as head of the Section of Urology's new Subsection of Urologic Oncology.

Dr. Brown surgically treats prostate, kidney and bladder cancers and cancers of the testicles, penis and urethra. He also is researching better treatments for urological cancers.

He is a 1991 graduate of Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. He completed a general surgery internship and urology residency as well as a year of cancer research at the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine before joining the faculty of David Grant U.S. Air Force Medical Center.

This year he received the Air



Dr. James A. Brown

Force's Commendation Medal for meritorious service on active duty.

At MCG, he has received a \$300,000 grant from the Georgia Cancer Coalition to develop a pro-

gram for minimally invasive surgery for renal, prostate and bladder cancer. As part of this effort, Dr. Brown will pursue additional fellowship training in laparoscopic surgery and develop a laparoscopic training program for urology residents. Laparoscopic surgery, which results in less pain and recovery time than more invasive approaches, is common in general and gynecologic surgery and is gaining momentum in urologic oncology surgery, Dr. Brown said.

Cancer coalition dollars also will be used for collaborative molecular cytogenetic research with Dr. Vijay Kumar, director of research for the MCG Section of Urology. Dr. Brown also will pursue development of fluorescence in situ hybridization technology, a process which helps identify tumors which may require more aggressive treatment.



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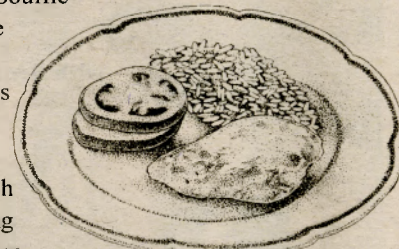
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## MCG nostalgia from HCCU's first account holder

Ellen Gladden

In 1976 Dr. Sherwood Reichard saw his fellow MCG employees in need and set out to do something about it.

A founding member of the School of Medicine Faculty Senate, Dr. Reichard was a self-described "active member" of the MCG faculty when he came on board in 1964.

"I helped start the Faculty Senate. I started a faculty club. I helped start the credit union. So, I was involved in a lot of things. I pushed forward and got a charter for the research institute," he recalled.

Around 1972 Dr. Reichard began working on the Health Center Credit Union idea because "I tried to get something going because employees couldn't get loans downtown because of the level of pay and such. I tried and didn't get very far with the administration. I was about the third or fourth president of the Faculty Senate, so I presented a program (on the credit union idea) and I got the darned thing passed by the Faculty Senate," said Dr. Reichard.

After working with the Georgia Department of Banking and Finance for certification, Dr. Reichard then approached the MCG Foundation for funds to back the program.

"Ted Bliven and I went to the foundation and got a \$40,000 loan. Then I made sure that since we (represented) the School of Medicine, that there were representatives from other schools and the administration on the board of directors," said Dr. Reichard.

Nearly four years after his efforts began, Dr. Reichard and the first Health Center Credit Union Board of

Directors celebrated the grand opening of branch one on Jan. 16, 1976. Plans are under way for a sixth branch to open in 2002.

"We got permission to use a room in the Murphy Building... the old pathology building. It was a room that had a big safe in it. And we opened up there. I remember Grace Thompson and I filling out cards (with new members' information) and putting them in a file box. After a while we hired Jo Anne Murders to manage," recalled the doctor.

"I was the president for at least six years. I stayed on until we expanded to (offer services to) Augusta College and we were about to go to St. Joseph's. Now it's got lots of assets. We weren't sophisticated enough yet (for credit cards) but now we have car loans and it has grown to all the services of a regular bank. It was nice to see it grow. I felt good about leaving it because it was growing and we had professional people running it," said Dr. Reichard.

Does he still do business at HCCU 25 years later? "I'm account number one. Oh sure I still use the credit union," he stated.

The HCCU celebrated its 25th year with \$25 giveaways at each branch and by offering reduced interest rates on loans during October.

An emeritus professor in radiology and physiology, Dr. Reichard now runs several medical societies around the world including the International Cytokine Society, the American Society for Photo Biology, the Inflammopharmacology Society and the Shock Society.

## Newbriefs

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Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the deadline for the Nov. 29 Beeper is Nov. 16. The deadline for the Dec. 13 Beeper is Dec. 4. Please direct editorial correspondence to Beeper editor Ellen Gladden, FI-1042 (campus mail), ext. 1-4410 (phone), [egladden@mail.mcg.edu](mailto:egladden@mail.mcg.edu), (e-mail). Advertising correspondence should be addressed to publisher Dan Pearson, P.O. Box 397 Augusta, Ga., 30903-0397 or call 860-5455.

### Food Drive

Department of Occupational Therapy students are hosting a Golden Harvest Food Drive through Nov. 29. A large container is in the Department of Occupational Therapy lobby for donations of non-perishable foods. The initiation of the food drive coincided with Allied Health Professions Week Nov. 4-10. Allied Health Professions Week honors health care providers working in the more than 200 allied health professions, constituting approximately 60 percent of all health care providers.

### Poinsettia Sale

MCG Sertoma is accepting orders for red poinsettias to be delivered Monday, Dec. 3. Flowers are \$15, and can be purchased by calling Stacy Tallent at 1-2605, or Linda Griffin at 1-3423. All proceeds benefit the programs of MCG Sertoma.

### Immunization seminar

On Nov. 15, the MCG Children's Medical Center, the Centers for Disease Control and the Georgia Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics will sponsor a vaccine safety workshop from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., repeated from 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is free. To register, call 1-2281.

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# Dr. Yu elected president of American Society for Neurochemistry

Toni Baker

Dr. Robert K. Yu, director of the Medical College of Georgia Institute of Molecular Medicine and Genetics, has been elected president of the American Society for Neurochemistry.

Dr. Yu will serve a two-year term as president of the 800-member organization established in 1970 to advance the study of the chemistry

of the central nervous system.

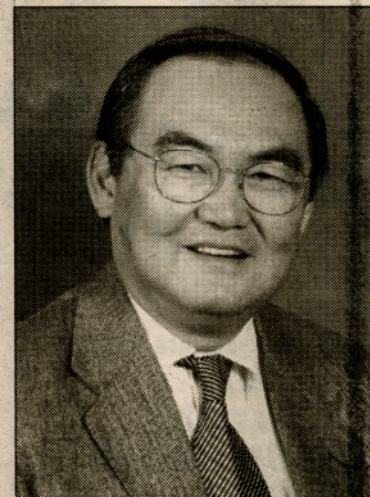
His duties include presiding over the 33rd society annual meeting in June in Palm Beach, Fla. Dr. Yu has been a society member since 1973.

He came to MCG in 2000 from the Medical College of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University where he served as professor and chairman of the Department of Biochemistry and

Molecular Biophysics since 1988. At the Medical College of Virginia, he also served as professor of chemistry and neurology, health administration and otolaryngology and director of the Neuro-Oncology Group at the Massey Cancer Center.

Dr. Yu earned his doctorate in biochemistry from the University of Illinois in Urbana in 1967, then com-

pleted a postdoctoral fellowship in neurochemistry at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in Bronx, N.Y. His research in glycolipids, components of all body tissues, in normal and pathological brain tissue and neuropathy is funded by the NIH, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and several private foundations.



Dr. Robert K. Yu

## New vision statement to reflect greater emphasis on people

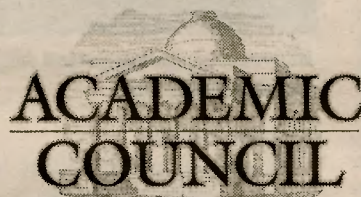
Medical College of Georgia faculty and President Daniel W. Rahn met recently to discuss modifying the university's vision statement.

At the Academic Council's Oct. 18 meeting, Vice Chairman Michael Shrout updated faculty members on the revisions of the MCG vision statement being prepared by an executive committee. Dr. Shrout noted one aim of the revisions was to more clearly state professional development of MCG employees as a priority of the university.

Dr. Rahn agreed with the potential revision. "I like values and purpose statements a little more than vision and mission statements. We value people. We are committed to the development of people. I think it's important that we keep that sentiment in because it has been absent in the past," said Dr. Rahn.

Several members noted the draft vision statement under discussion may be too verbose. The council ultimately voted to approve the vision report on the basis that it would be shortened before being presented to MCG's senior leadership.

Also on the council's agenda was a report from Dr. Richard Hessler, chairman of the Faculty Salary and Benefits Subcommittee, recapping a letter sent to the Board of Regents about proposed changes in the faculty leave policy. MCG's letter noted the policy's proposed changes are "too verbose and specific" in terms of when leave must be reported and



taken. The regents responded, acknowledging receipt of the letter, according to Dr. Hessler.

Dr. Shrout urged faculty to attend Dr. Rahn's State of the University Address, which is sponsored by the Academic Council. The speech begins at 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15 in the large auditorium of the MCG Auditoria Center.

Faculty are encouraged to attend the monthly meeting of the Academic Council. For more information contact Dr. Shrout at 1-2607.

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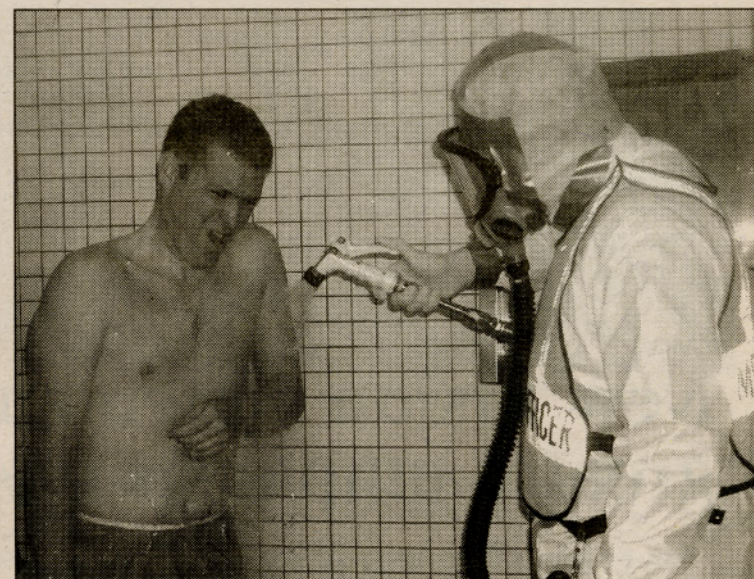
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## MCG trains for disaster management

The Medical College of Georgia is creating an Institute of Disaster Medicine to train health care providers in disaster management.

Two 16-hour disaster management courses—Basic Disaster Medical Life Support and Advanced Disaster Medical Life Support—are being developed. "Our goal is to further our expertise in disaster management and develop training programs to improve other health care providers' skills in disaster management," said Dr. Philip Coule, director of Emergency Medical Services.

Although the need for disaster training has never been more imminent, MCG has long recognized the need. Last year, Dr. Coule and Dr. Richard Schwartz, director of Emergency Services and Academic Programs in the Department of Emergency Medicine, developed a proposal, CLEARMADD, to develop a nationwide standard curriculum to train health care professionals to respond to disasters. The proposal includes disaster management training and funding to create a rapid response team to



MCG residents Thomas Burnett, left, and Riccardo Colella conduct a mock anthrax decontamination drill.

respond to disasters.

"Most emergency physicians have at least a working knowledge of preparedness for bioterrorism events," said Dr. Coule. "Our goal is to further our expertise in disaster management and develop training programs to improve other health care providers' skills in disaster management."

MCG also has enabled extensive continuing education in the area. Drs. Coule and Schwartz completed an Advanced Hazardous Materials Life Support Course in Chicago last month.

Department of Emergency Medicine residents Riccardo Colella and Thomas Burnett completed a four-day Weapons of Mass Destruction course at the U.S. Justice Department's Center for Domestic Preparedness recently in Anniston, Ala.

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## No tricks!



Dionne Francis (right) of the Charge Entry Department hands out candy to the wee little goblins of the MCG Day Care Center. Three classes of students spent Oct. 31 seeking treats in Annex II



## Augusta vascular surgeon joins MCG faculty

Toni Baker

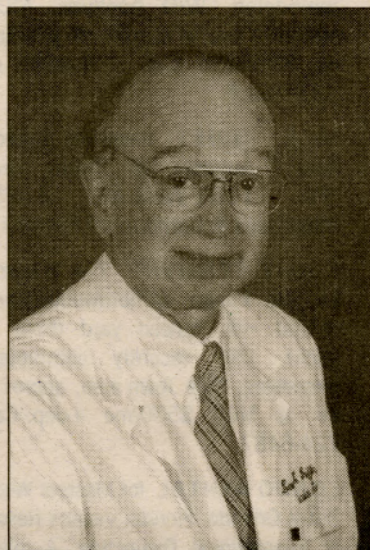
Dr. Louie H. Griffin Jr., a vascular surgeon who has been in private practice in Augusta for nearly 30 years, has joined the faculty of the Medical College of Georgia.

Dr. Griffin, a graduate of the MCG School of Medicine who also completed his surgical training at MCG including a year as chief resident, will join Drs. J. Sheppard Mondy, Oscar H. Grandas and James J. Wynn in the practice of vascular surgery at MCG and will direct the Clinical Vascular Laboratories at MCG Hospital.

His interest in teaching prompted Dr. Griffin to become a full-time faculty member. He has had a clinical appointment at MCG since 1972 and been extensively involved in teaching MCG surgery residents doing rotations at University Hospital.

Dr. Griffin was a major in the U.S. Army Medical Corps in 1969 when he served as assistant chief of research and development at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu. He was made assistant chief of general surgery in 1971 and chief of general surgery and lieutenant colonel in 1972 before returning to Augusta. He became an attending surgeon at University Hospital when he returned.

Dr. Griffin specializes in diagnosing and treating all types of vascular abnormalities in the neck, abdomen and extremities. Treatments include traditional aortic aneurysm repair as well as the less-invasive endovascular approach, lower extremity bypass, carotid endarterectomy and management of deep vein thrombosis. He and his colleagues in private practice have a data base on about 2,000 patients who underwent carotid endarterectomy.



Dr. Louie H. Griffin Jr.

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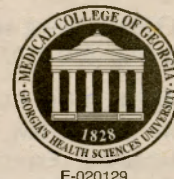


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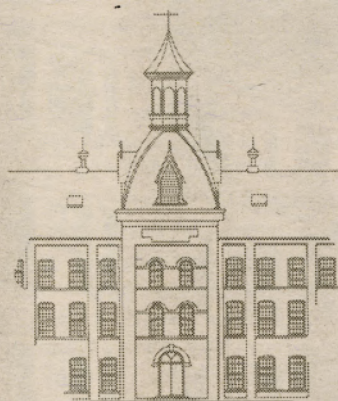
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Stephanie Simonson, Jamie Don Sisk, Nathan Paul Streer and Teresa Michele Thompson.

#### Faculty Named Fellows of American College of Dentists

Drs. Kevin B. Frazier and Brad J. Potter, faculty in the Medical College of Georgia School of Dentistry, have been named fellows of the American College of Dentists.

The American College of Dentists, a nonprofit organization of dentists who exemplify excellence in the profession, was founded in 1920 to elevate the standards of dentistry. Fellowship honors members whose professional achievements are particularly noteworthy.

Dr. Frazier, associate professor in the Department of Oral Rehabilitation, earned his dental degree with high honors from the University of Florida College of Dentistry. He joined the MCG faculty in 1995 and has served as director of the MCG Student Health Dental

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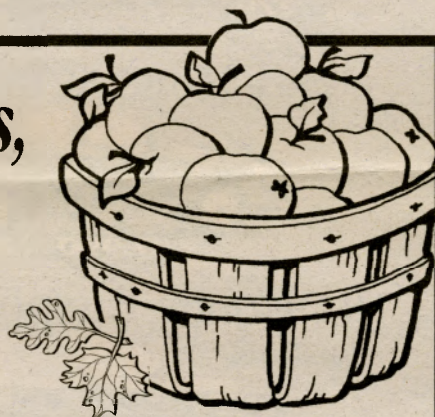
Dr. Potter, interim dean of the School of Dentistry and professor in the Department of Oral Diagnosis and Patient Services, earned his dental degree from Northwestern University Dental School in Chicago and joined the MCG faculty in 1991.

### OBITUARIES

**Virginia Stuart Trainor**, beloved daughter of Matt and Mary Ann Trainor, died Oct. 25, 2001, at the MCG Children's Medical Center. The family wishes to thank all the doctors, nurses, therapists and all those who cared so lovingly for Virginia. In lieu of flowers, donations are requested in Virginia's memory to the Rachel Longstreet Foundation, Inc., 605 Reynolds Street, Augusta, GA. 30901.

Virginia's father, Matt, is a systems analyst for the Office of Institutional Research and Information.

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## Police Bureau update

The following incidents were recorded by the MCG Public Safety Department. Periodic reports of crime-related news on campus are posted in conjunction with federal, state and local laws and are intended to maximize campus safety and awareness. To report crimes or suspicious activity, call MCG Public Safety at 1-2911 or #2911 from a cellular phone.

### Theft from a Vehicle

On Oct. 30, between 1:30 a.m. and 2:30 a.m., a tool box was stolen from the bed of a red Chevrolet S-10 with a Georgia tag while parked at the MCG Health, Inc. Emergency Medical Services ten-minute parking lot.

Three vehicles parked in the MCG Health Inc. Parking Deck #21 (HC) were broken into between 10:52 p.m. on Nov. 2 and 12:15 a.m. on Nov. 3. The passenger side rear window of a black 1994 Acura Integra was broken out and the CD player was taken from the vehicle parked on level one. The driver's side window was broken and the CD player was taken from a blue 1996 Ford Contour, parked on the third level. A green Ford Taurus parked on the second level was broken into through the passenger side window and the stereo was missing.

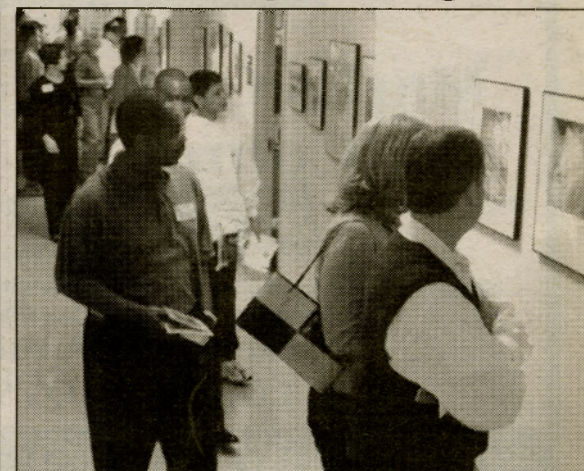
A black 1994 Jeep Wrangler parked on level one in the MCG Health Inc. Parking Deck #21 (HC) was broken into between 6:15 p.m. on 11-03-01 and 11:09 p.m. on 11-03-01. A passenger side window and the dash were damaged in an attempt to remove the radio from the vehicle.

Anyone with information concerning these break-ins should contact MCG Police at 1-2911.



**MCG Police:**  
Phone: ext. 1-2911  
Cellular: #2911  
or: 721-2911

## Leadership Georgia



About 140 business and community leaders from across the state came to Augusta Nov. 1-3 for the annual meeting of Leadership Georgia. The group spent the majority of Friday on the MCG campus. They had breakfast with Dr. Daniel W. Rahn, MCG president, who provided a global perspective on MCG and the health sciences, followed by tours where they learned more about the education and research components of each of the five schools. That afternoon, they had lunch with Don Snell, president and chief executive officer of MCG Health, Inc., and toured the hospitals and clinical facilities. Attendees are pictured admiring the works of MCG's Medical Illustration department.