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MCG community masters the art of spring break

by Christine Hurley Deriso

Spring fever is nothing short of an annual epidemic in the Augusta area. Early April in the Garden City is characterized by blooming azaleas, flowering dogwoods, a breeze in the air, a spring in the step—and a week of hooky for many.

Whether rubbing elbows

with golf greats, renting out their home and heading to the beach or simply taking a moment to wiggle their toes in fresh green grass, Augustans slow their pace for Masters Week.

So how does the Medical College of Georgia community plan to usher in the spring season during Masters Week?

Bill McBride, chief of police,

actually plans to work ... kinda. "I'll be on the Augusta National golf course for seven days in a row," he reports. "I work there as a volunteer gallery guard ... basically a rope-holder. The days are long but really a lot of fun, and I get to play the course after the Masters!" A tough job, but somebody's gotta do it.

Pam Hayes and Tim Johnson

in Visual Instruction and Design Services also will be at the golf course. "I'll be attending a day of practice rounds with my mom," says Pam. "We've been several

times. I personally am not a huge fan and don't have a preference for who wins. I just go along for my mom's sake and enjoy the

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MCG photographer Wesley Hobbs captured signs of spring all over campus. See more photos, page 8.

A visit from Chancellor Davis



University System of Georgia Chancellor Erroll B. Davis Jr. visited MCG March 20 as part of an initiative to visit all 35 system colleges and universities by mid-June. Chancellor Davis, who assumed his duties Feb. 6, met with MCG President Daniel W. Rahn and his Cabinet, MCG Health, Inc. President and CEO Don Snell, faculty and students.

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Editor's note: Information Technology Support and Services offers technology tips in this column. To submit questions or suggestions for topics, contact Becky Rogers, manager of customer service for ITSS, at ext. 1-3668.



MyMCG, the MCG portal, will launch a research component in early April. MyResearch Portal will consolidate information about the sometimes cumbersome process of initiating research and eliminate much of the guesswork for new researchers.

The portal grew out of the Task Force for Clinical Research Infrastructure Enhancement, chaired by Dr. Anthony Mulloy, to develop a focused strategy to enhance clinical research. After assessing MCG's research infrastructure, the task force recommended more concise instructions to initiate, sustain and complete MCG research. Committee members also recommended minimizing paperwork, redundancy and routing.

ITSS and MCG's research administration groups collaborated to create task-oriented Web pages in MyMCG and a Web application—Research Workflow—to manage administrative data and workflow. The MyResearch Portal, which organizes content based on the type of research conducted, will initially address industry-sponsored research. National Institutes of Health research and other investigator-initiated research should follow. The portal also will grow to support ongoing research and the close-out of research projects.

The portal will help researchers navigate initial clinical research approval processes in the correct order, link to necessary forms and route forms electronically for approval. Some forms are interactive, enabling investigators to enter information one time, rather than on each form. Non-interactive forms may be completed and uploaded to the portal for routing.

The portal eventually will directly integrate with eProtocol (the upcoming Human Assurance Committee Web-based system), Study Manager and pre-award processing systems.

Members of the MyResearch Portal Implementation Team are Betty Aldridge, Michelle Christiano, Amy Claus, David Durand, John Hopkins, Mia Jolly, Mark Shrewsbury, Mark Staples, Carol Terry and Sheree Wright. For more information about the portal, contact Kathy Miles at ext. 1-9685 or kmiles@mccg.edu.



On page one, Betsy Richwine, who matched with MCG's dermatology residency program, gets a congratulatory hug from Dr. Allison Farnell. Above, Clark Hair celebrates with wife Amy as they find out they will complete residencies in internal medicine and pediatrics, respectively, at the University of Virginia. (Phil Jones photos)

Match Day marks next leg of journey

by Jennifer Hilliard

With tears in her eyes and her hands shaking from excitement, Betsy Richwine found out Thursday afternoon what her future holds.

Ms. Richwine, a fourth-year medical student at the Medical College of Georgia, and 151 of her

classmates participated in Match Day 2006.

"This is the culmination of four years of hard work," said Ms. Richwine, who'll stay at MCG for a dermatology residency. "I'm just so happy to be able to stay at MCG and study a field that I love. I'm so happy for myself and for all of my classmates."

Match Day annually pairs the nation's senior medical students with postgraduate programs providing specialty training. This year, 152 of MCG's senior medical participated.

Medical students nationwide rank hospitals where they'd like to do their residencies and hospitals, in turn, rank the students. Rankings are submitted to the National Resident Matching Program in Washington, D.C., managed by the Association of American Medical Colleges.

Pairings are announced simultaneously at U.S. medical schools. Graduates of osteopathic or foreign schools as well as U.S. graduates wanting to change their residency also participate.

For students and faculty alike, Match Day is the end of a long journey together.

"Three years and seven months ago, I welcomed you as my newest and most junior colleagues," said Dr. Sylvia Smith, associate dean of academic affairs in the School of Medicine. "You are no longer my newest and most junior colleagues, but you are my colleagues."

The matches, which come after a series of interviews and visits to prospective programs, also mean a promising future for the nation's health care system.

"I'm very pleased with the results of this year's Match Day," said Dr. Ruth Fincher, vice dean for academic affairs in the School of Medicine. "They validate the long-held belief that I have had that this is a very talented class."

For some students like Kelly Miller, matching with their first-

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MCG pilots taxi program

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The service will be available April 3-7 and May 15 through Aug. 1.

"The MCG Campus Taxi Ride is intended to save fuel and provide a safe method of movement for employees who must travel to various locations on the MCG campus in order to conduct official MCG business," said Mitch Jones, director of public safety. "It also is intended to address reduced shuttle service when classes are not in session. If successful during the pilot testing, we may consider implementing the service year round."

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Georgia Senate honors local war hero



Top row: Sen. Jim Whitehead Sr. (from left), Lt. Gov. Mark Taylor, Sen. J.B. Powell and Sen. John Douglas. Bottom row: Dr. Rich Jadick (from left), his wife, Dr. Melissa Jadick, and Sen. Ed Tarver. (Photo provided)

by Kim Miller

Dr. Rich Jadick, a Medical College of Georgia urology resident, received a standing ovation from the Georgia State Senate during a visit March 14.

Dr. Jadick has been recognized nationwide as a recipient of the Bronze Star with a Combat 'V' for valor for his heroism in November 2004 during Operation al-Fajr in Fallujah, Iraq.

The March 20 issue of *Newsweek* magazine featured Dr. Jadick's fearless efforts to treat wounded soldiers in Iraq. In addition to the U.S. casualties, Dr. Jadick treated countless Iraqis and civilians with no other means of medical support.

Georgia Sen. Ed Tarver presented Dr. Jadick with a framed copy of a Senate resolution drafted in his honor.

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To enter, visit www.mcg.edu/techfair/Geek.htm as many times as you like by 5 p.m. April 18. Winners will be announced in the April 27 issue of the *Beeper* and will be contacted via phone April 28.



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The Medical College of Georgia is gearing up for a campaign that invites every member of the MCG community to help advance the university's mission.

Team MCG will kick off May 1 to unite employees of MCG, MCG Health, Inc. and the Physicians Practice Group in pulling together toward the common goal of optimizing MCG's tripartite goal of education, research and service.

Team captains have been identified throughout campus and will assemble April 11 to ensure a successful campaign, according to Debby Kalliokoski, director of MCG's Annual Fund. The captains will personally meet with employees in their areas of responsibility to request contributions and explain the importance of participating in the campaign.

"The Medical College of Georgia represents much more than thousands of individuals working toward individual goals. MCG is a community ... a team," said Ms. Kalliokoski. "When one of

us succeeds, we all succeed. The efforts of a single employee trickle exponentially throughout the entire campus, helping MCG optimize its mission of improving health while reducing the burden of illness in society.

"Whether you work in a laboratory, classroom, hospital, office or other work environment, your service directly advances MCG's goal of becoming a premier health sciences university," she said. "We are now asking you to go a step further and make a tangible expression of your commitment to the university."

Employee contributions not only represent a unified demonstration of support but encourage external donations as well, Ms. Kalliokoski said. "Foundations and corporations use employee giving as a critical indicator of commitment to an institution and its goals. From our perspective, we may believe long hours and hard work reflect dedication that far outweighs financial commitment. But grant-making

organizations feel more comfortable directing money to institutions whose people invest in their own future."

The higher the percentage of employee financial support, the higher the probability that MCG will receive much-needed grant funding in the future while addressing immediate needs, such as support for individual schools, departments or facilities. "Regardless of your level of support, your participation matters a great deal," Ms. Kalliokoski said. "Everyone's participation will clearly demonstrate employee commitment to MCG and generate external funding for our campus programs and projects—an investment that benefits us all."

Individual contributions, no matter how modest, can make a huge difference, she noted. For instance, donations can help finance the education of a deserving yet financially disadvantaged young person ... or provide toys for children undergoing surgery ... or feed the family members of out-of-town



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patients ... or help recruit world-renowned faculty ... or provide a vital piece of equipment for a cancer laboratory.

"These are just a few examples of how your donation can help," Ms. Kalliokoski said. "You can offer an undesignated gift to be used in an area of greatest need, or you can

target your contribution to an area of personal affection or concern by selecting from the list of funds that will be included in a brochure that team captains will distribute."

For more information about the campaign, call Ms. Kalliokoski at ext. 1-3397 or visit www.mcg.edu/teammcg.

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choice program comes with added benefits. Ms. Miller was matched with Emory University's pediatrics residency program.

"This brings us closer together," she said, pointing to her boyfriend, Evan Latham, who lives in Atlanta. "I think he was more nervous than me."

Others also will have a built-in support system as they begin a new chapter of their lives.

"I'm so excited because a lot of my classmates that are like my best friends are going to the same place," said Kristy Edge, who will complete a pediatrics residency at Greenville Hospital System in South Carolina. "We're all going to be together. It's like everything is complete."

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Neuroscience consortium set for April 7-8

by Toni Baker

Neuroscientists from Georgia and South Carolina will come together near Charleston, S.C., April 7-8 for the first annual GA/SC Neuroscience Consortium.

The meeting, featuring keynote speaker Dr. Craig Henriquez, co-director of the Duke Center for Neuroengineering at Duke University, is intended to foster collaboration among scientists in the two-state area, said Dr. Darrell Brann, associate director of the Medical College of Georgia Institute of Neuroscience.

Dr. Brann and Dr. Mark Kindy, director of the Medical University of South Carolina Neuroscience Institute, organized the consortium after an August 2005 planning meeting in Augusta with representatives from research universities in the two states.

Dr. Henriquez, associate professor of biochemical engineering at Duke, is an expert in large-scale computer modeling of bioelectric phenomena at the cellular and network level. He will discuss "Development of Biological Neural Networks to Understand Cortical-Cortical Interactions" at 8 a.m. April 8 at the Holiday Inn Patriots Point in Mt. Pleasant, S.C.

Also during the meeting, panels of researchers from MUSC, MCG, the University of Georgia, the University of South Carolina School of Medicine and Georgia State University/Emory University Center for Behavioral Neuroscience, will make presentations on topics including emotion processing and anxiety, the pathogenesis of Alzheimer's disease and nerve cell protection and regeneration in multiple sclerosis.

Graduate students, postdoctoral fellows and faculty will present their work during a poster session. The registration deadline is April 3. For registration materials and additional information contact Dr. Brann at dbrann@mcc.edu.

"We are excited about this opportunity to bring together some of the best minds in our two-state area to share their work and discover new ways to increase our contribution to understanding and treating neurological disease," he said.

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MCG launches role in telemedicine initiative

by Deborah Humphrey

MCG Health System on March 16 launched its participation in the Georgia Telemedicine Program, a comprehensive network that is part of the Georgia Rural Health Initiative. The Georgia Rural Health Initiative is a public/private partnership with Insurance Commissioner John Oxendine's office. MCG Health System is one of 40 health care facilities to use leading-edge technology to improve access to specialty health care for rural Georgians.

"Telemedicine will provide all Georgia citizens with access to the highest-quality and most advanced medical care available anywhere," Mr. Oxendine said. "It is vitally important to our state to ensure that our rural citizens have equal access to the best possible health care."

Telemedicine applies high-speed phone lines, computer equipment, specialized medical cameras and advanced encryption technology to enable medical specialists to consult with patients remotely. Telemedicine is an effective way for patients and community physicians to consult specialists who may

be many miles away. This is particularly beneficial when a rural area lacks the necessary specialists. The program allows the specialist to receive images, medical records and data quickly, easily and securely. Through telemedicine, patients are seen sooner, allowing for earlier diagnosis and treatment.

"Our role in the network is to serve as a specialty center providing diagnostic and treatment plans to rural patients and their physicians without the inconvenience of traveling farther than 30 miles from their homes," said Rich Bias, senior vice president of ambulatory and network services at MCG Health System. "We are excited and honored to participate. Our initial participation is limited to pediatrics and its subspecialties. However, we expect to expand into other clinical services. This is another way in which we work to improve the health of Georgians."

The telemedicine equipment and training is being provided through a grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Georgia as part of a three-year, \$11.5 million commitment to support the Georgia Rural Health Initiative.



Cutting the ribbon on telemedicine equipment are Rich Bias (clockwise from back), MCG President Daniel W. Rahn, MCG Health, Inc. President and CEO Don Snell, John Oxendine, Children's Medical Center Medical Director William Kanto and Department of Pediatrics Vice Chair for Education David Flannery. (Phil Jones photo)



Dentist's trip is Zippity-Do-Dah-lightful

Dr. Joseph L. Konzelman, professor of oral medicine, managed double duty in Orlando, Fla., earlier this month.

He was representing the MCG School of Dentistry at the American Dental Education Association's Council of Faculties at Walt Disney World when, as a member of the volunteer Garden City Chorus, he was invited to sing with the Dapper Dans Quartet of Main Street USA.

"It was a thrill!" he said.

Dr. Konzelman will reciprocate

the hospitality when the Dapper Dans (using the road name, the Humdingers) will be the featured quartet at the Garden City Chorus Annual Show on May 6 at 7:30 p.m. at Augusta State University's Maxwell Theater. The theme of the show will be Main Street USA, featuring lots of Disney tunes that will make the guest chorus feel right at home.

For more information about the show, contact Dr. Konzelman at ext. 1-2607 or visit www.gardencitychorus.org.

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scenery."

Tim's mom doesn't factor into his plans. "I've got tickets, so I'll be on the course for a day or two," he says. "I don't play golf, but I'm single and really good at checking out all the pretty ladies." Sorry, Mom.

Becky Rogers in Information Technology Support and Services is gearing up for a week

of pet-sitting. "We're sending our family (son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren) to Disney and we are going to stay home and take care of the dogs," she says. If you're a faithful reader of the Pet Gazette, you know this isn't exactly a sacrifice for Becky, who definitely prefers dogs to mice, particularly those with oversized ears named Mickey.

Technology infrastructure expands research capabilities

by Ellen Gladden Jones

The Medical College of Georgia has access to a new tool to collaborate with other research universities.

A consortium of businesses and research universities, including MCG, recently announced completion of the National LambdaRail, an unprecedented technical infrastructure of more than 15,000 miles of fiber-optic cable across the United States. Data is transmitted along the network at 10 gigabits per second.

"For researchers, transmitting large data sets could take hours or even days via the Internet. This network can do the same exchange in literally seconds," explained Doogie Howser, MCG director of infrastructure services.

The February deployment of the nationwide advanced optical, Ethernet and IP network enables collaboration with peer institutions, according to Mr. Howser.

"The real advantage to being a member of the National LambdaRail consortium is that services that may not be available to a local institution are now available," he said. "The LambdaRail is a superhighway for utilizing technology, but it will not be used for commercial purposes. It's solely a research network."

The infrastructure is the result of over three years of work and nearly \$100 million in funding by the 12-member consortium and its 50-plus partnering organizations—universities, research institutions and businesses.

"For the first time, a nationwide networking infrastructure is owned and operated by the research and

education community, giving scientists flexible access to experiments and collaborations across geographic barriers," said Tracy Futhey, National LambdaRail board chair.

MCG last year joined the Southern Light Rail, a Georgia Tech non-profit corporation providing National LambdaRail access to many universities and research-related organizations throughout the South. MCG is also upgrading fiber-optic infrastructure, which will eventually allow connectivity from campus buildings to the Southern Light Rail.

"The Southern Light Rail project provides a gateway to the institution for internal labs to connect to peer and other remote institutions. It also provides our community access to the national network," said Mr. Howser. "We've done a lot of groundwork over the last two years to get institutional infrastructure in place for this. The Master Fiber Optic project now under way is an expansion and upgrade of our fiber to allow a reliable and high-performance infrastructure that will support connections to research resources around the world."

Mr. Howser and Mark Staples, director of information security, welcome input from MCG researchers to optimize the LambdaRail.

"The technology is available for someone on our campus to literally access a microscope at Oakridge or to broadcast a surgical procedure at Stanford and view it in DVD quality, uncompressed," said Mr. Staples. "This is a secure connection that allows better and faster access than anything we've had before. However, in order for this to be

worthwhile to MCG, researchers have tell us they need access."

To pass along feedback, contact Dr. Frank Treiber, MCG vice

president for research and chair of MCG's National Lambda Rail committee, at ftreiber@mcg.edu. For more information on the

Southern Light Rail, visit www.southernlightrail.org. For more information on the National Lambda Rail, visit www.nlr.net.

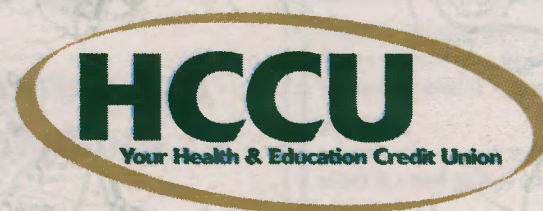
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Parking Registration

MCG faculty, staff and students who plan to continue their current campus parking arrangements

in fiscal 2006-07 are asked to re-register for parking online April 3-30. Instructions were mailed with pay stubs or to student mailboxes. Those without computer access can visit a Parking Services office in the Annex II or Student Center to register. Parking Services also will offer registration opportunities during April in the Facilities Management Building and Annex. Decals and hangtags will be delivered through intercampus mail in June. To change a parking zone preference or add or change registered vehicles, fill out the form at www.mcg.edu/psd/Forms.htm, or pick up a form at a Parking Services office.

Employee Advisory Council

MCG's Employee Advisory Council will meet April 12 at 10 a.m. in room 211 of the Greenblatt Library. To submit an agenda item for this meeting, visit www.mcg.edu/eac by March 31 and select the Send Comment button on the left.

Oral cancer screening

MCG Health System will offer free oral cancer screening Wednesday, April 19 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ear, Nose and Throat Practice Site on the fourth floor of the Ambulatory Care Center. Risk factors for oral cancer include smoking and regular alcohol consumption. Screening can help detect and treat cancer in its earliest stages. Call ext. 1-4400 to

schedule an appointment.

Floortime Atlanta

The MCG Children's Medical Center will sponsor Floortime Atlanta, an autism workshop for professionals and parents April 15 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the first-floor CMC Conference Center. The Project Link Community Workshop will feature Drs. Milagros Cordero, an occupational therapist, and Dr. Barbara Dunbar, a psychologist, discussing Dr. Stanley Greenspan's method of working with children with autism. The cost is \$60 for professionals, \$25 for one parent and \$35 for two parents from the same family. On April 10, available space will be open to students for \$15. The activity includes 3.75 hours of continued education credit. To register, contact the MCG Office of Continuing Education at ext. 1-3967 or 800-221-6437, or visit www.mcg.edu/ce.

Rapid Assessment Team

MCG Health System has formed a Rapid Assessment Team consisting of an intensive care nurse, respiratory therapist and physician to help reduce mortality and morbidity. The team works with the code team to help prevent cardiac arrest. To activate the team, call ext. 1-2222, the same number used to activate the code team. Specify a Rapid Assessment Team request and give the operator vital information such as location.

Play explores HIV

The MCG community is invited to a free performance of "The Yellow Boat" by the Grammy-award winning Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School April 19 from noon to 1 p.m. in the Large Auditorium. The play depicts the hospital experience of an HIV-infected boy with hemophilia. The play is hosted by MCG Arts Council and the Center for Patient and Family Centered Care. For more information, call Julie Moretz at ext. 1-4790.

Asthma Walk raffle

Respiratory Care Services will sponsor the Asthma Walk by selling raffle tickets for a theme basket. Tickets are \$1. Winners can choose between a "Night at the Movies" (two movie tickets and related goodies), "Pasta for Two" (food items for a special dinner) or a "Beach Vacation" (beach necessities, plus something special). Raffle tickets will be drawn April 25 and you needn't be present to win. Please call 1-3224 for ticket information.

Car-buying seminar

The Health Center Credit Union will sponsor a free seminar, "Know How to Get the Best Car Deal ... Before You Start Shopping," Thursday, April 13 from 5-6 p.m. in the small auditorium of the MCG Auditoria Center. The MCG community is invited.

Blood needed urgently

MCG Health System urgently seeks blood donations from eligible hospital staff and students. Increasingly significant blood shortages have strained the national supply and left parts of the country and the MCG Health System with less than a one-day supply, particularly of O-negative blood. Donors, who must be at least 17 and weigh at least 110 pounds, can give blood every 56 days, or six times a year. For more information or to schedule an appointment to donate, call the MCG Health System Blood Donor Room at ext. 1-3695.

Internet service

Effectively immediately, home Internet service for staff and faculty (Comcast, Earthlink, Netzero, Bellsouth, etc.) is no longer considered an allowable MCG expense. This is considered a personal expense and state law prohibits the purchase of personal services for state employees. In addition, best business practices encourage measurable standards to ensure business use only and Internet providers cannot comply with this practice.

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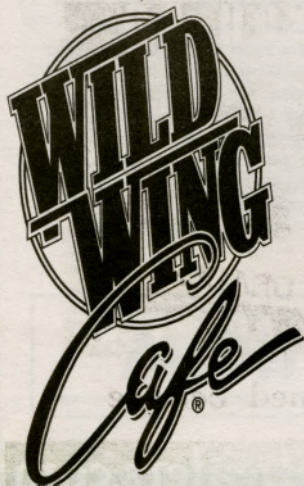
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2004 and 2005 Community Choice Award Winner

MCG 101 course yields exceptional administrators

by Ellen Gladden Jones

Ida Walker has worked at MCG for 24 years, but she admits she has a lot to learn when it comes to administrative policies and procedures.

To enhance her knowledge and productivity in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Ms. Walker was one of 25 employees who participated in a new class offered by the MCG Human Resources Training Section. The five-part Exceptional Administrators Certificate Program provided 10 hours of training on policies germane to all MCG employees.

"I think all administrative personnel should take this class," said Ms. Walker. "I learned a lot. The travel piece was very good because I thought I had been doing this one from the right way, but I learned that the procedure has changed."

Topics included human resources laws and processes, professional etiquette and communication skills, and Materials Management purchasing and disposal regulations.

"I really enjoyed the professional development section," said Sharon Quick, who works in the School of



Russ Williams explains budget policies to participants of the Exceptional Administrators Certificate Program. (Phil Jones photo)

Allied Health Sciences Department of Occupational Therapy. "We talked about handshakes and how to interact with other cultures."

Course participants also toured the Key Control and Badging Office, Copy Center and Annex during a session led by employees from Public Safety, Auxiliary Services and Materials Management.

"This course was really valuable, especially to new employees and to those who are not so new but want to touch base on things they haven't done before or expand on things you don't do

every day," said Lorain Jarrett, an MCG employee for 17 years. "It was really a great refresher."

"We don't want your learning to end here," Training and Education Manager Ale Kennedy told the class. "We invite your feedback so that we can put it back into the training program for the benefit of others."

The next session of the program is slated for August. For more information or to submit ideas for future sessions, contact Mrs. Kennedy at ext. 1-6197 or akennedy@mcg.edu.

Dentist provides service in Ecuador

Dr. Jason Mailhot, MCG professor of periodontics, spent two weeks in March on a U.S. military humanitarian mission to Ecuador.

Dr. Mailhot, an army reservist, traveled with a team of physicians to the South American country to deliver dental care to some of the country's poorest citizens. The team worked with the Ministry of Health to provide medical, dental, optometry, veterinary and preventive medicine to the people of Ecuador.

"I provided needed dental care to the Ecuadorian people while performing my annual training exercise for the Army Reserves," Dr. Mailhot said. "We lived in tents and provided essentially a combat support hospital in the field."

Dr. Mailhot is a colonel and 15-year veteran of the U.S. Army Reserves. In 2004, he served a four-month tour in Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He joined the MCG faculty in 1990.

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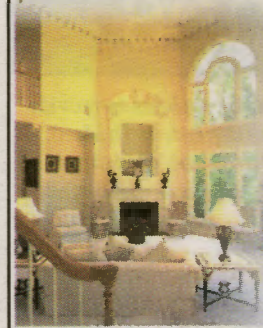
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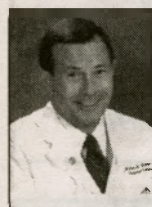
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Milestones

Dr. Strong lauded

Dr. William B. Strong, Emeritus Leon Henri Charbonnier Professor



Dr. Strong

of Pediatrics and Section Chief Emeritus of Pediatric Cardiology, has received the 2006 Ross Award in Pediatric Education from the Southern

Society for Pediatric Research.

The award honors educators

for stimulating students to provide excellent health care to children, helping develop and administer pediatric curricula or parent-child educational programs and serving as a role model.

Another MCG faculty member, Dr. William A. Lutin, professor of pediatrics and director of the pediatric cardiology fellowship program, was the 2005 recipient.

Dr. Strong has received numerous teaching awards from students and colleagues, including

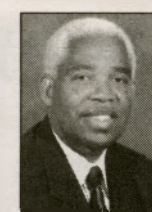
being named a teaching scholar of the American Heart Association from 1973-78. MCG alumni named him one of the four best teachers at the MCG from 1944-89. He initiated the MCG Department of Pediatrics Postgraduate Annual Update Meeting and the department's visiting professor program. He became course director for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention in 1997 and for the Essentials in Clinical Medicine program in 1998. He has been a lecturer or visiting professor in 44 states and 14 foreign countries.

As a researcher, Dr. Strong, founding director of the Georgia Prevention Institute, has pioneered

the areas of physical fitness and exercise testing of healthy children as well as children with heart disease and sickle cell disease. As a Preventive Cardiology Academic Awardee of the National Institutes of Health, he has been at the forefront of cardiovascular risk factor modification that begins in childhood. He has authored more than 400 publications and self-instructional audiovisual programs.

Dr. Hobbs named to council

Dr. Joseph Hobbs, chair of the Department of Family Medicine and vice dean for primary care and community affairs in the School of Medicine, has been appointed



Dr. Hobbs

to the Council on Graduate Medical Education of the Health Resources and Services Administration.

The council assesses the nation's physician workforce and makes recommendations for federal and private-sector initiatives to meet needs to the secretary of Health and Human Services, the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions and the House of Representatives Committee on Commerce.

Dr. Hobbs has been appointed

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BUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1 National grass variety
- 5 Bundle of cereal plants (or paper)
- 10 Swindle
- 14 At any time
- 15 Therefore
- 16 Muirfield state
- 17 Major portion of the brain
- 19 Begins to doze?
- 20 Door handles
- 21 Last Supper expert
- 23 Mr. Mazzone
- 25 Letter baseline
- 26 Very strong wind
- 29 Fifi or Fido?
- 31 Sudden partner
- 35 Part of verb to be
- 36 "To ____ With Love"
- 37 Urban blemish
- 39 Assembly
- 41 Regulate
- 42 Angers
- 43 Furrow
- 44 Male sheep
- 45 7th Hebrew letter
- 46 Round bread roll
- 47 Flying mammals
- 48 ____ Building (*Broad Street*)
- 51 Mousse
- 53 Hubba Bubba, for example
- 57 Verily, truly (*archaic*)
- 61 Capital of Norway
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- 65 Silly
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- 69 Having a sound mind



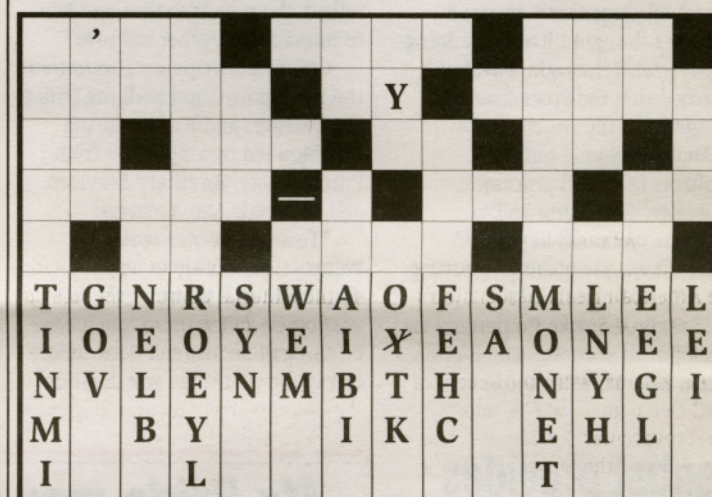
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- 4 Soprano
- 5 H. Rider Haggard classic
- 6 Hades
- 7 Sign up
- 8 Severe/sudden
- 9 Thighbone
- 10 Singalong
- 11 Korean golfer K.J.
- 12 Helps
- 13 In the greatest number
- 18 Breast cancer prevention letters
- 22 Smiling
- 24 Express opinions
- 26 Golfer Robert
- 27 Area used for sports
- 28 Suspicious
- 30 Energy units
- 32 Artery leaving L ventricle
- 33 Freshwater game fish
- 34 Aids
- 36 Ft. Gordon newspaper
- 37 Beige
- 38 Ex-mayor Bob
- 40 Coccyx
- 46 Wintry
- 47 Explosions
- 49 TV, radio, newspapers, etc.
- 50 Maturing
- 52 Center prefix?
- 53 Job-like sore
- 54 Aiken school
- 55 Allied countries
- 56 Buried explosive
- 58 Ostrichlike bird
- 59 School leader
- 60 Doing nothing
- 63 Gross minus expenses

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QUOTATION BUZZLE



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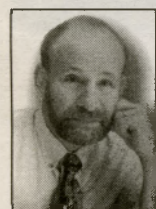
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to a three-year term on the 17-member council that includes representatives from primary care physician groups; physician, resident and medical student organizations; international medical graduates; schools of medicine and osteopathy; public and private teaching hospitals; health insurers; business; and labor. He was nominated for the council by the Association of Departments of Family Medicine.

Stroke achievements honored

Dr. Robert J. Adams, stroke specialist, Presidential Distinguished Chair, Regents



Dr. Adams

Professor of Neurology and professor of pediatrics, has received the 2005 Distinguished Achievement Award from the American Stroke Association,

a division of the American Heart Association.

The award, which recognizes Dr. Adams' contributions to the AHA's Stroke Council and the stroke field, was presented during the American Heart Association's International Stroke Conference in February.

Dr. Adams, who co-directs the MCG Department of Neurology Cerebrovascular Section, has been a member of the Stroke Council's Executive Committee since 1992 and chaired the committee from 2001-03. A longtime advocate of certifying hospitals as stroke centers, he chaired the American Stroke Association's Task Force for Primary Stroke Center Certification in 2004. A subsequent collaborative program with the Joint Commissions on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations resulted in JCAHO certification of hospitals prepared to deliver evidence-based stroke care.

Dr. Adams is chairing an American Stroke Association committee examining whether a similar program should be created for Comprehensive Stroke Center certification.

Dr. Holmes awarded

Dr. Gary Holmes, assistant professor of oral rehabilitation, has received the Excellence in Dental Education Award from the Georgia Section of the Pierre Fauchard Academy. The award, presented at the academy's annual conference Feb. 4, recognizes clinical excellence and encourages junior faculty to stay in academic



Dr. Holmes

dentistry.

The academy, an international dental honor organization, was founded in 1936 to promote professionalism, integrity and ethics in dentistry.

Dr. Holmes, a faculty member since 2000, came to MCG from Columbus Technical College, where he was an assistant professor in the dental hygiene program. He is a member of the American Association of Dental Research, the American Dental Education Association, the American Dental Association and the Academy of General Dentistry.

Dr. Holmes completed his bachelor's degree in 1988 at Belhaven College in Jackson, Miss. He earned his D.M.D. from MCG in 1992 and will complete a master's of science degree in oral biology at MCG this spring.

Dr. Yu named to board

Dr. Robert K. Yu, director of the Institute of Molecular Medicine and Genetics and the Institute of Neuroscience, has been appointed to the editorial board of the *Journal of Biological Chemistry*.

He will serve a five-year term on the board of the journal of the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

Dr. Yu also serves as associate editor and a member of the editorial board of *Journal of Lipid Research* and as a member of the editorial board of the *Journal of Neuroscience Research* and *Neurochemical Research*. He is a member of the advisory boards of the *Croatian Medical Journal*, *Neurologia Croatica*, *Journal of Biomedical Science* and *Journal of Oleo Chemistry*. He is an invited member of the editorial board of the *Chinese Journal of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology*.

His research focus is neurochemistry and glycobiology, particularly glycolipids found in normal and pathological brain tissue and neuropathy. His lab has made many discoveries, including identifying a number of glycolipids and describing their form and function. He also pioneered understanding of immunopathogenic mechanisms of neurological diseases such as multiple sclerosis, peripheral neuropathy and Tay-Sachs disease. His work is funded by the National Institutes of Health, a challenge grant from the Georgia Research Alliance and several private

foundations.

Animal lab re-accredited

MCG's laboratory animal care program has been re-accredited for three years by the Association for the Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care International.

The private, nonprofit association based in Rockville, Md., promotes the humane treatment of animals in science through a voluntary accreditation program.

MCG's Office of Laboratory Animal Services has maintained full accreditation by the association since 1978; accreditation is re-evaluated every three years.

The association team noted strong administrative support for the animal care and use program as evidenced by the addition of a new animal facility in the Interdisciplinary Research Building Phase II, as well as an engaged and effective Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee.

Obituaries

Loris Belle (Lou) Rissman Levy, wife of Dr. Maurice Levy, former associate dean for faculty development and professor of pediatrics, died Nov. 25 at Hilton Head Island following a battle with lung cancer. She taught for over 30 years, most of that time in the Richmond County public schools. In addition to her husband, survivors include daughters Dr. Arden L. Levy (School of Medicine class of '89) and Dr. Andrea H. Levy (School of Medicine class of '91), son James M. Levy and a sister. Memorial donations in her honor may be made to the MCG Foundation, Inc., FI-1000, Augusta, Ga., 30912-7730, or the Palmetto Health Hospice, 27 Dr. Mellichamp Drive, Bluffton, S.C., 29910.

Luretha Farmer, a certified nurse anesthetist with Georgia Correctional Health Care, died Feb. 16 at age 56. Ms. Farmer served MCG for four years. Survivors include mother Jessie Bell Farmer; son Glen Brinson; daughters Angela Brinson and Tiwanna Brinson, Thomson; brothers Shelton Farmer, George Farmer, Eddie Farmer, Jimmy Farmer and Clarence Farmer; sisters Henrietta Pastor and Loretta Cousins; and nine grandchildren.

Ralph Parr, 75, an environmental services technician, died Feb. 18. Survivors include his wife, Irene.

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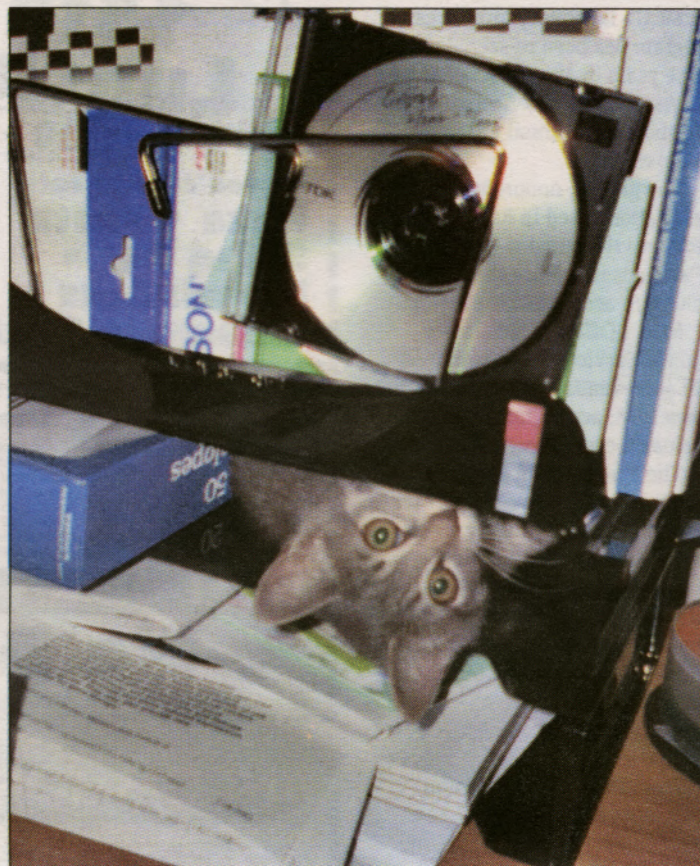
The Pet Gazette

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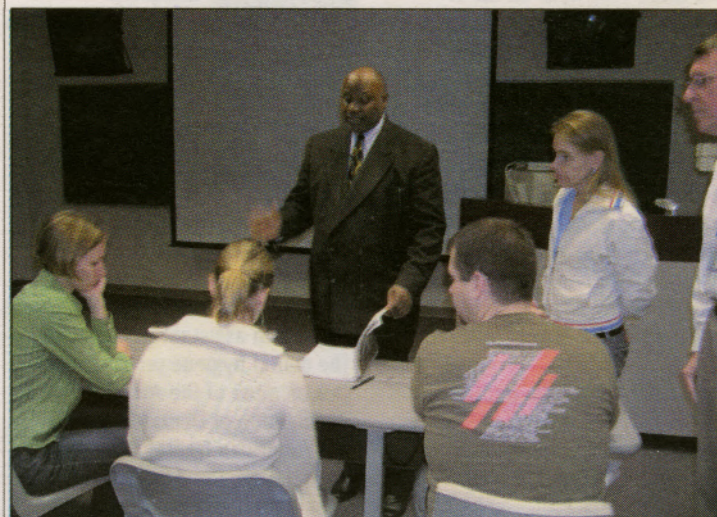
Dr. Stacey Kramer, a biological safety officer, submitted these photos of her "photogenic, playful and utterly charming" pet cat, Lucy. Lucy, a 3-year-old tabby, was born to a stray who inhabited the back porch of Dr. Sean Liour, a faculty member in the Institute of Molecular Medicine and Genetics.

"Since I adopted her, she has demonstrated an adorably playful and affectionate personality," Dr. Kramer reports. "Among her favorite activities is playing fetch with rubber bands. She transports a rubber band in her mouth, drops it at my feet, meows and waits eagerly for me to shoot it into the adjacent room. She then enthusiastically chases down the rubber band, brings it back, drops it at my feet, etc. I figure she must be part Labrador."

Lucy also has had an illustrious career as a model. "Lucy," an oil-on canvas painting by Athens, Ga., artist John Ahee, can be viewed at www.geocities.com/jahee21/newstuff2003.html. Also, Frances Yeh, who worked in Dr. Robert Yu's laboratory last summer as a visiting undergraduate research assistant, created "an amazingly accurate pencil-on-paper sketch of Lucy, which now hangs in my dining room," Dr. Kramer said.



The art of the matter



Joseph Norman, director of the drawing and painting program for the Lamar Dodd School of Art at the University of Georgia, speaks to attendees at his Feb. 17 art lecture at MCG in recognition of Black History Month. The 200-plus attendees included medical illustration students, Davidson Fine Arts School advanced-placement art students, faculty, staff and members of the Art Honor Society. The MCG Department of Medical Illustration and Morris Museum of Art sponsored the visit. (Photo provided)

Campus Beat



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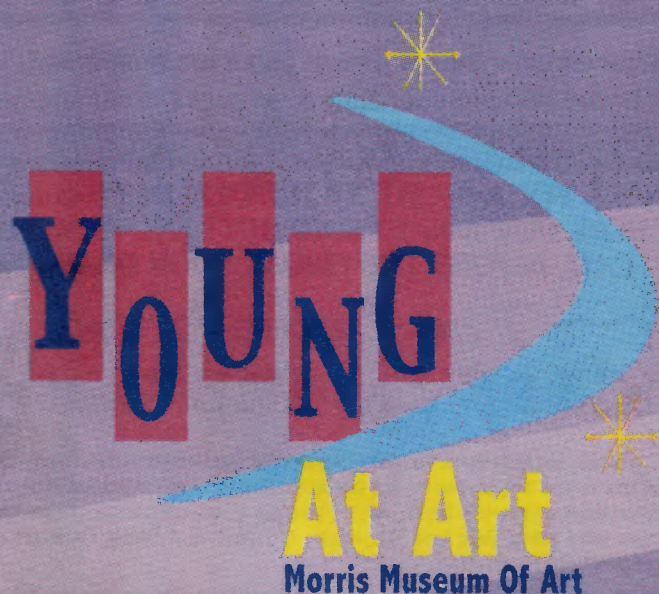
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