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Strategic plan brings positivity to **MCG** community

By Paula Hinely

The Enterprise-Wide Strategic Planning initiative is making an impact both on and off campus.

Literally thousands of comments have been received from colleagues across the enterprise, and members of the ESP steering and pillar teams have read and considered each one. To date, 10 people have received

\$50 Walmart cards just by submitting comments.

The steering team has also shared the ESP message and its process outside the MCG family. They've made presentations to the county commissions of Columbia County and Augusta-Richmond County; the chambers of commerce

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And the winning begins! QEP trivia kicks off

Congratulations to the winners of the first and second rounds of the OEP trivia contest.

The contests are designed to increase awareness of MCG's Quality Enhancement Plan, an accreditation requirement of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools-Commission on Colleges. The plan is intended to enhance education campuswide far into the future. MCG's plan, Healthy Perspectives, emphasizes cultural competency.

Contests will be held periodically leading up to the SACS-COC On-Site Review March 29-31. Prizes are awarded to the first 20 people who reply to the trivia email with

a correct response. Winners receive a small prize and will be eligible for grand-prize iPad drawings in December and March. Watch the Beeper and the website (www.mcg. edu/sacs) for more information.

The first set of prize winners are:

- Aimee Barton
- Jonathan Bice
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- Cassandra Morgan
- Cheryl Nichols
- Heather Smith
- Erica Steed
- Ravi Verma

The second set of prize winners are:

- Deirdre Abrams
- Barbara Barton
- Donna Black
- Cara Bomeke

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Chromosomal break gives scientists a break in finding new puberty gene

By Toni Baker

A break in the two chromosomes has given scientists a break in finding a new gene involved in puberty, Medical College of Georgia researchers report.

It's also helped clear up why some patients with delayed puberty have no sense of smell, said Dr. Lawrence C. Layman, chief of the MCG Section of Reproductive Endocrinology, Infertility and Genetics.

The WRD11 gene interacts with a transcription factor that appears to be involved in development of gonadotropin releasing hormones that enable sexual maturation as well as olfactory neurons in the brain, according to a study published in

The American Journal of Human Genetics and funded by the National Institutes of Health. A genetic mutation can diminish or eliminate this important interaction, impairing puberty and the sense of smell.

This was first found in a patient with Kallmann syndrome - delayed puberty coupled with the inability to smell. Next, a variety of WRD11mutations were identified in five other patients with delayed puberty, some of whom also had no sense of smell.

The findings provide insight into normal puberty as well as rare situations in which children don't sexually mature. "Even something that causes a rare disease can have an extremely important function in normal physiology," Layman said.

A longer-term goal is finding better therapies for delayed puberty and perhaps alternative birth control methods.

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Plan ahead

Valic will hold individual retirement guidance appointments on Oct. 7, 14 and 28 in Annex 1, room 1103; and Oct. 21 in the Wellness Center's gymnasium. Contact their local office at 706-722-4600 to make an appointment.

Cookout for charity

The MCG Vascular Biology Center will host a cookout to raise money for charity Oct. 8 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the patio between the CB and CL buildings. Plates will include hot dog, chips, cookie and beverage. Call Joyce Ann Tarver at 706-721-9800. Visit mcg.edu/sccp.

Skate on

Materials Management will host a roller skating party for charity Oct. 14 at RedWing Rollerway from 6-8 p.m. \$7.50 per person includes skate rental. Come to skate, enjoy prizes, concession specials and more. Visit mcg.edu/sccp.

Pancakes

Human Resources will host a pancake breakfast for charity Oct. 15 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. in the Annex I Basement Commons. Contact Morgan Chavous at ext. 1-3836 for additional information. Visit mcg.edu/sccp/specialevents.htm.

Funding opportunities

Submission deadline for the Scientist Training Program (STP) and Interdisciplinary Research Program (IRP) funding opportunities is Oct. 15. STP carries a maximum award of \$80,000 per year for up to three years. IRP carries a maximum award of \$50,000 for one year. Guidelines have been revised to remove tenure track from an applicant's status. All regular full-time faculty members are now eligible to apply. Guidelines and forms may be found at mcg.edu/spa/mcgri/igpmain.htm. Start the routing process early. No exceptions will be made for late or incomplete applications.

Bowl, baby

Bowl for charity at Brunswick Lanes Oct. 17 from 3-5 p.m. Teams of four will bowl for two hours. \$20 per person includes bowling and shoe rental. Event will offer a 50/50 raffle and a strike pot. Specials all afternoon at the snack bar. Visit mcg.edu/sccp.

Know your needs

Fidelity investments will hold individual retirement appointments on Oct. 21 in the Wellness Center's gymnasium and Oct. 22 in Annex 1, room 1103. Call 800-642-7131

or visit fidelity.com/atwork/reservation to make an appointment.

Fair play

Human Resources will host a fair show-casing the benefits and discounts available to MCG employees Oct. 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Wellness center. Visit mcg. edu/sccp.

Derby Day

The School of Dentistry will host Dental Derby Day Oct. 27 at the School of Dentistry. Games, prizes, a dunking booth and concessions available. Proceeds benefit the State Charitable Contributions Campaign. Visit mcg.edu/sccp.

Sign up

The Open Enrollment season for plan year 2011 will run Oct. 25 to Nov. 19. Visit mcg.edu/hr/benefits.

Good golf

The Great Strides "Fore" CF Charity Golf Tournament will be Oct. 29 at Forest Hills Golf Club. The tournament is sponsored by the MCG Cystic Fibrosis Center, in conjunction with the Georgia Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, to help raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Teams must include four members. Cost is \$125 per person/\$500 per team. Shotgun start at 9 a.m. Visit cff.org/Chapters/georgia/ChapterEvents for information or to register.

Bake off

Public Safety will host a bake sale for charity in the Annex 2 Conference Room Oct. 29 from 6 a.m. until goods are sold out. Visit mcg.edu/sccp.

Silent Auction

The State Charitable Contributions Program Campaign Silent Auction will run through Oct 29 to raise money for charity. Winners announced Nov. 1. New auction items will be added throughout the month. For questions about an item e-mail sccp@ mcg.edu. Visit mcg.edu/sccp/SilentAuction.htm.

Hearts For Sale

Unit coordinators for the State Charitable Contributions Program Campaign will sell paper hearts through Oct. 31 to raise money for charity. Visit mcg.edu/sccp.

Penny War

The offices of Budget, Planning & Analysis, Controller's, Human Resources and Materials Management will wage a penny war

through Oct. 31 to raise money for charity. Pennies and silver coins add points; and paper money subtract points. The winning office gets an ice cream social. Visit mcg. edu/sccp.

Dressing down

Human Resources will host Dress Down Fridays in October. Pay to play in your jeans all day! \$5 per Friday or \$20 for all Fridays. Visit mcg.edu/sccp.

Individual Counseling

TIAA-CREF will offer individual, confidential counseling sessions to discuss personal finance with Dean Yarbrough, a TIAA-CREF senior consultant. Topics include mutual funds, brokerage, life insurance, annuities and more. Sessions are available Nov. 2-3 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in HS 1105. To schedule a session, call 800-732-8353.

Artrageous!

The Noon Arts Conference series will continue Nov. 23 from noon to 1 p.m. in Lee Auditorium. The performances showcase the diverse artistic talents of our students, staff and faculty. The first 150 attendees enjoy free Chick-fil-A sandwiches. Future performance dates include Feb. 15 and April 12 from noon to 1 p.m. in Lee Auditorium. Interested performers email kmckie@mcg.edu. Visit mcg.edu/artscouncil/performing/noonconcert.html.

Sing along

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

Morning meal

Fat Man's coffee/breakfast kiosk is now open in the School of Dentistry lobby from 7:30-10:30 a.m. on weekdays.

Wellness Center October Special

The MCG Wellness Center is offering a 20% discount on all Flex Month Memberships that are \$24 or more per month. A minimum of 2 months is required. Call 706-721-6800 for more information.

Members only

The MCG School of Medicine Academy of Medical Educators is now accepting new

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Team depends on development associate

By Stacey Hudson

For 20 years, Gift Associate Denise Jackson has worked diligently in development for MCG. She began with the MCG Foundation, and moved to the MCG Office of Development in 2009.

Her job is to track and post gifts to the university, to send reminders to donors and to keep departments informed of their gift balances and agreements, may be complex. But for her, the position comes down to the people.

"I like working with the people at MCG, and helping them get what they need," she said.

Eileen Brandon, director of corporate and foundation relations, said that Jackson's history with the university sets her apart.

'Her historical knowledge has been immensely helpful to me, especially as I transitioned into my role in Corporate & Foundation Relations a year ago. I don't know what I would have done without all the old gift agreements and other information she provided me," Brandon

Jackson works to get through a year without complaints.

"When you pass an audit, that's when you've been successful," she

Lisa Stamper said that Jackson is meticulous about detail: "Her excellence is in her accuracy."

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Charity made easy by payroll deduction

By Stacey Hudson

Last year was a banner year for employees of MCG, who topped even themselves in charitable giving to the State Charitable Contributions Program. MCG employees gave a total of \$73,700, a \$9,100 increase over the previous year.

"MCG had the largest increase in giving of any other educational entity in the state," said SCCP Campaign Coordinator Joel Smith. The university ranked fourth among all University System of Georgia institutions, behind the University of Georgia, Georgia State University and Georgia Institute of Technology. MCG received a Governor's Award for the increase on Aug. 24.

According to Smith, it was just the kind of participation he's come to expect from the MCG faculty and

"Everyone gives to charity in some form. SCCP just makes it easier through payroll deductions to give to the charity of your choice you don't even have to think about it," Smith said.

SCCP allows employees to give a tax-deductible contribution to one or more of the 1,200 charities currently registered with the program - everything from the American Cancer Society to Zoo Atlanta - directly through payroll deductions.

"It's through SCCP that we are able to give back to the community through payroll deduction and monetary gifts, to such places as United Way, SafeHomes of Augusta, and Friendship Community Center. It's your one-stop source for giving to

the community," Smith said.

And those local organizations often have a multi-tiered connection with the MCG community.

For example, Deborah Humphrey, MCGHealth Director of Public Relations, is currently on loan to the United Way for its Loaned Executive Professional Program.

Meghann Eppenbrock from Safe-Homes of Augusta (domestic violence services) revealed that one of their former clients is now a nurse, who finished training at MCG.

Opportunities to pledge are numerous. Fifty employees across

campus serve as unit coordinators to stuff envelopes and rally coworkers. They also plan a number of events. The Public Safety Bake Sale usually brings in the most donations, with the Dental Derby and the Silent Auction just behind it.

Smith said the important thing to remember is that it isn't the dollar figure that the campaign brings in, but the impact on lives in the CSRA.

SCCP Events

- Hearts For Sale- through Oct. 30, through unit coordinators
 - Silent Auction through Oct.

- 29, visit mcg.edu/sccp
 Finance Division Penny War through Oct. 31
- Dental Derby Day at the School of Dentistry - Oct. 27
- Vascular Biology Center Cookout - Oct. 8, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., between the CB and CL buildings
- Materials Management Roller Skate for SCCP - Oct. 14, 6-8 p.m., RedWing Rollerway
- Human Resources Pancake Breakfast - Oct. 15, 8:30-10:30 a.m., Annex I Basement Commons Area
- MCG Bowling Afternoon Oct. 17, 3-5 p.m., Brunswick Lanes

- Greenblatt Library Bake Sale -Oct. 21-22, 8 a.m. to noon, lobby of Greenblatt Library
- Public Safety Bake Sale Oct. 29 from 6 a.m. until sold out, Annex 2 Conference Room

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Freebies and finance at the annual employee benefits fair

By Stacey Hudson

More than 40 vendors will fill the MCG Wellness Center Oct. 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the annual Employee Awareness and Benefits Fair.

"The fair shows employees the additional benefits available to them, like discounts to area businesses, special group programs and even programs at state and national attractions," said HR Employee Services Coordinator Joel Smith. Financial institutions, cellular companies and fitness and wellness providers are among those who will present.

October is also the time when employees should examine their benefits package to ensure that their selected plans still suit their needs. Open enrollment, the period during which one can make benefits changes, runs Oct. 25 through Nov. 19. Changes take effect Jan. 1.

"The companies that represent our health, life and other benefit plans will be there to answer questions," Smith said.

And the giveaways and door prizes that help to make the fair so

We had 600 people walk through last year, and almost everyone received some type of gift to take away," Smith said.

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Dr. Mark W. Hamrick has been named interim vice president for research at MCG.

Hamrick named MCG interim vice president for research

By Toni Baker

Dr. Mark W. Hamrick, bone biologist and professor in Medical College of Georgia Schools of Graduates Studies and Medicine, has been named interim vice president for research at MCG.

"Dr. Hamrick, an energetic and successful investigator, collaborator and educator, is an excellent example of the enthusiasm for science on our campus," said Dr. Gretchen Caughman, MCG interim provost. A national search for a permanent vice president will be initiated in the coming months.

'We very much appreciate Dr Hamrick's stellar leadership at this time," said Dr. Peter Buckley, interim dean of the School of Medicine. "Our thanks also to other research leaders who kindly volunteered their expertise. Dr Hamrick has all our support in this important role."

Hamrick is a grant reviewer for the National Institutes of Health, the American Diabetes Association, the National Science Foundation. The Wellcome Trust, The Swiss National Science Foundation and the Biomedical Research Council. His research in improving bone strength and wound healing is funded by the U.S. Department of the Army and the Office of Naval Research.

He is an exam reviewer for the National Board of Medical Examiners in embryology. He is associate editor of Journal of Musculoskeletal & Neuronal Interactions and guest editor of the journal's 2010 Special Volume: Basic Science & Mechanisms of Muscle-Bone Interactions. He is a member of the editorial board of Journal of Bone & Mineral Research,

Hamrick received the School of Medicine 2009 Innovation in Teaching Award, the 2009 and 2010 Exemplary Teaching Award and 2005 Outstanding Young Faculty Award in Basic Sciences. He chairs MCG's Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee and is a member of the School of Medicine Research Planning Committee, Executive Committee and Faculty Appointments, Promotion and Tenure Committee and the MCG Research Institute Board of Directors.

He earned a doctoral degree in biology from Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., in 1995 and completed postdoctoral training at Duke University Medical Center's Department of Biological Anthropology & Anatomy. He came to MCG in 2002 from Kent State University.

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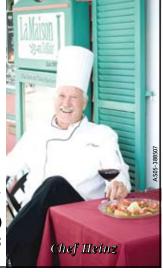
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Dr. Janie Heath (left), associate dean for academic affairs, and chair of the Academy of Nurse Scholars in Education, Dr. Marlene Rosenkoetter (second from right), welcomed new fellows Dr. Mary Ellen Quinn (second from left) and Dr. Christy Berding (right). New inductee Dr. Rosalind Jones was unable to attend the ceremony.

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Academy inducts newest nurse scholars

By Stacey Hudson

The Academy of Nurse Scholars in Education (ANSE) held its second induction ceremony on Sept. 28 in the Health Sciences Building lobby. The chair of ANSE, Dr. Marlene Rosenkoetter, along with other committee members welcomed new fellows Dr. Christy Berding, Dr. Rosaling Jones and Dr. Mary Ellen Ouinn

"They worked hard to achieve this recognition," said Dr. Janie Heath, associate dean for academic affairs. "They have contributed on many fronts including the school, the university and our nursing profession at large; and they continue to give back. They're sharing their expertise to help their faculty colleagues develop professionally."

The academy is an organization for MCG faculty members who have demonstrated excellence in education in the School of Nursing. Just three years old, organizers have already conducted five full-day faculty development workshops, hosted a regional conference that was open to the community and disseminated scholarly activities through national

conferences and publications

"At the core of ANSE, it really is about helping faculty reach their full potential for advancing in teaching excellence. So we're providing a foundation to help build on the knowledge and skills that they have as nursing educators," Heath said.

In spring, the academy will implement a new peer review program. "If we're looking at being the leading academic medical health science center in the country, we need to position our faculty so that they're on the cutting edge of nursing science, technology and pedagogy, so that we as a school can continue to be on the forefront with teaching excellence," Heath said.

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Girls normally develop breasts by age 13 and menstruate by 15. Boys' testicles generally develop by age 14. Sex hormones can be prescribed to prompt puberty when it is delayed but more complex and expensive therapy is required to enable fertility. The therapy can lead to multiple births and related problems such as prematurity.

Layman, who receives blood samples of children and young adults with delayed puberty from across the globe, said the misplacement of portions of two chromosomes in the Kallmann patient worked like a global positioning system to help narrow down the gene search.

The patient had pieces of chromosome 10 on chromosome 12 and vice versa; such recombinations are fairly common and not necessarily bad. But knowing that a recombination can disrupt a gene's function, the researchers analyzed a handful of genes in the immediate vicinity of the break before finding WRD11.

They still have to determine whether the chromosomal swapping had anything to do with the gene dysfunction in this case but the five other patients who had WRD11 mutations did not have the translocation. "Either way, it helped point us in the right direction," said Layman, a corresponding author on the study along with lead author Dr. Hyung-Goo Kim, molecular geneticist in Layman's lab.

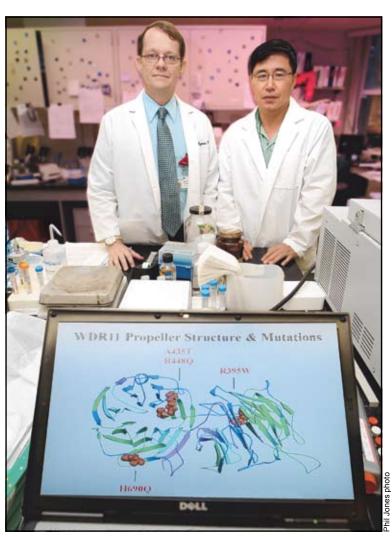
"Performing genetic analysis in rare individuals harboring balanced chromosomal locations opens an important portal in the hunt for disease genes," noted Kim, who established the Developmental Gene Discovery Project at MCG to identify genes involved in a wide variety of human genetic disorders.

Layman recently received a \$1.5 million grant from the NIH's Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development to learn more about how several of these puberty genes work.

The scientists will be looking further at WRD11, but also CHD7, a gene Kim and Layman identified in 2008, as well as the NELF gene, for fundamentals such as function and frequency. They will also look at more patients and their families to see if they have the same or different genetic variations.

"We have to know, for example, if they are transcription factors, which we think both CHD7 and NELF are. This means that they go into the cell nucleus and turn on expression of other genes," Layman said. "We also have to know what they bind to. It may be that some of these genes work in the same pathway."

Counting WRD11, there are now at least 17 known puberty genes and evidence suggests multiple genetic mutations are involved in some patients. Layman suspects that plenty of those genes are still unknown.



Drs. Lawrence C. Layman (left) and Hyung-Goo Kim have identified a new puberty gene.

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

Moving up

The Office of Legal Affairs has moved to Pavilion I (AE Building). All contracts and correspondence should be sent to AE 1059. Andrew Newton, General Counsel, will remain in the Kelly Administration Building, AA 2003.

Saving savvy

The Graduate Student Organization is selling peel-off coupon booklets for \$10 each. These books contain more than 70 buy-one-getone-free coupons to local area restaurants and attractions. Coupons are good through December 2011. Contact gso@mail.mcg.edu and arrangements will be made to get booklets to you.

Access to excel

Human Resources will offer Access 2007 Level 1 and Level 2 and Excel 2007 Level 1 and Level 2 classes in October and November. The BLE Group will facilitate. A fee of \$75 covers the daylong session, instruction and course materials. Complete and submit your IDR to Training and Education at HS-1144. Payment is due within a week of the date you register. Call 706-721-0343 or visit mcg.edu/hr/training.

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Through Dec. 1, purchase a Frosty key tag for \$1 at any of 10 participating area Wendy's restaurants and receive a free Junior Frosty treat by showing your key tag during follow-up visits. Proceeds benefit the MCGHealth Children's Medical Center. Participating locations include: 3012 Peach Orchard Road; 3342 Wrightsboro Road; 1730 Walton Way; 449 Walton Way; 2738 Washington Road; 3859 Washington Road; 3859 Washington Road; 1910 Whiskey Road; and 1104 Richland Ave.

ESP...from page 1

for Augusta Metro, Columbia County and North Augusta; and the Richmond County Board of Educa-

"Through the concerted efforts of many, we are engaging our community and 'winning hearts and minds' with this broad outreach," said Dr. Peter Buckley, interim dean of the School of Medicine and ESP cochairman along with Joe Thornton, MCGHealth assistant vice president of ambulatory care finance.

Thornton adds, "It's been a very positive experience for us, and MCG's transparency in this process seems to be refreshing to the community. Just the simple act of

asking these organizations for their opinions on the future of the MCG enterprise has engendered enthusiasm."

Karyn Nixon, executive assistant to Augusta Mayor Deke Copenhaver, is the community liaison on the ESP steering team, and has seen first-hand the enthusiasm being created across the CSRA by reaching out to these community groups.

"The greater Augusta community is extremely interested in the positive impact on our region that will result from the merger of the university, hospital and practice group," she said. "By engaging community leaders for their input

on how to economically look at the MCG enterprise as a whole, the university is opening doors beyond its traditional campus boundaries and creating a pathway for the exchange of thoughts and ideas that will benefit not only Georgians, but citizens everywhere."

The final ESP plan will be unveiled at a "family celebration" in early November.

Please visit esp.mcg.edu frequently for updates on the rapidly progressing ESP initiative and continue to send solution-focused comments to esp@mcg.edu.

Save the Date:

ESP will present its finalized plan at an Enterprise-Wide Family Celebration Friday, Nov. 12 from 5:30-8 p.m. at Fort Discovery. All employees and their families are invited for food, music, fun and a brief program. Additional details are coming soon. Please RSVP to esp@mcg.edu.

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Hospital asks for Halloween help

By Stacey Hudson

The MCGHealth Children's Medical Center is looking for some "bootiful" outfits in October.

Eighty-five costumes are needed for the hospital's annual Halloween celebration, said Child Life Specialist Jami Wolfe. And the department is asking members of the MCG community for help.

Every year, the hospital offers a chance for patients to take a break from the rigors of treatment and escape into fantasy for a while. They dress up and trick-or-treat through participating offices and wards throughout MCGHealth, gathering candy and small treats along the way.

But the hospital depends on donations and volunteers for this event.

"Usually, most of our donations come after the holiday. Some very generous people pick them up at discounted prices at area retailers for the next year. But last year, we didn't have as many donations," Wolfe said. So they are asking for help in providing a happy Halloween for hospitalized children.

Dressing up like a favorite character transforms a sick child. With their vivid imaginations and a little cloth or plastic, they can go from bedridden to Barbie for a little while.

"Last year, one of our patients dressed up as one of his attending physicians," Wolfe said. "It was just someone he really admired."

Older kids tend to do scaled-back costumes, like just a funny wig or maybe fairy wings and sparkly makeup. And those kinds of dressup items are also needed.

Parents of infants get to pick their child's costume. And at such young ages, many will be enjoying their first Halloween. It's not ideal, but it's better than not celebrating at all.

"They get more candy than they ever would trick-or-treating houseto-house," Wolfe said, with a laugh. "I mean those bags are overflowing.

And while the extent of this year's fun and games has yet to

be determined – last year's swine flu epidemic put a slight damper on the festivities – the Children's Medical Center makes sure that the kids get to celebrate the holiday in some way. They traverse most of the hospital in search of treats.

"Medical Records really pulls out all the stops," Wolfe said. "Everyone in the office gets into it."

And the effect on the patients – who range from infancy to 21 years old – is long lasting. While they're surrounded by sterility and technology, it helps them to see the hospital as a friendly, caring environment. That, in turn, eases anxieties that may come with hospitalization.

Costumes and accessories should be new and unopened to guard against allergens and contaminants. They should be appropriate for hospitalized children (no sexy or scary/bloody themes). And full costumes are best in infant, toddler, pre-school and school age sizes. Donations should be made by Oct. 26. Call Jami Wolfe at 706-721-1658 or e-mail jwolfe@mcg.edu.



Madalyn Vaughn has no fear when her pacifier is near.



Rick Herring, program director for Augusta Urban Ministries, and Major Gene Maxwell, from MCG Public Safety, at the Augusta Urban Ministries' Hale Street location with one of the bicycles released from storage. The eight bikes donated from the MCG Police Department will be refurbished and donated to an individual who needs transportation to get or keep a job.

MCG Public Safety donate bicycles

By Stacey Hudson

Hundreds of families each year turn to Augusta Urban Ministries for housing, food, clothing, furniture and utilities assistance. It's a vital line between the area's most needy, and its most needed resources.

MCG Public Safety is helping with one of the organization's lesserknown programs: a ministry that distributes used bicycles.

"I've got about 20 people on a waiting list to get a bike," said Rick Herring, program director. "We provide them to people who need them for basic transportation – people who are not on the bus line or can't afford bus tickets – to get a job or keep a job."

Major Gene Maxwell, assistant chief of police, got involved with the organization last year when his wife, Jill, brought him down to volunteer in taking applications for holiday assistance.

"It just made me feel good. And watching some of the young kids who were there that day – it renewed my faith in the next generation. Sometimes in this business you can get a little jaded," he said.

So when it came time to clean out their confiscations, Maxwell saw the bikes and thought of the people who needed the community's help the most.

Public Safety has come by their stash of bikes honestly, he said. Their previous owners? Perhaps not.

"Sometimes we'll stop someone and they'll jump off a bike and run,"

Iaxwell said.

Often the bikes were stolen property to begin with. But sometimes the officers will find a bicycle inappropriately secured – say, to fencing around one of the memorial gardens on campus – and they will confiscate it until the owner comes to claim it.

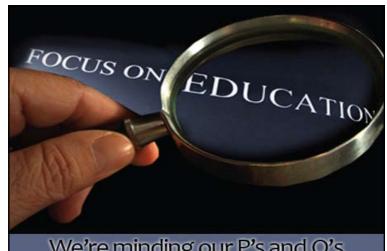
But after 90 days, if no one returns for them, a judge allows them to dispose of the property.

Herring is happy to have them.

"With the economy, we just haven't had enough donated bikes. In addition, we've got about 100 bikes that need to be worked on, but we don't have enough volunteers to work on them. Bikes that are in good shape are hard to come by," Herring said.

Public Safety donates bicycles a couple of times a year, Maxwell said. But the ministry also needs mattresses, box springs, bed frames, and new, unwrapped gifts for children of all ages.

To volunteer with Augusta Urban Ministries, call 706-722-8195 or visit augusta.actionministries.net. To contact Public Safety about a missing bicycle, call 706-721-811.



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Newsmakers







Dr. Scott De Rossi



Dr. Anand Jillella



Corey Sparks

Dr. Abiodeu Akinwuntan, associate professor of physical therapy, graduate studies and neurology, has received a one-year grant to determine the usefulness of using a simulator-based driving training program to improve fitness-to-drive in multiple sclerosis patients. Fifty participants, recruited for the study through the MCG Multiple Sclerosis Center, will receive driving training at the MCG Driving Simulation Laboratory. The study is funded by the Consortium for Multiple Sclerosis Centers. Drs. Gregory Lee, Lara Stepleman and Mitzi Williams are co-investigators on the study.

Bryan Bardash, Chendamoni Beaty, Joseph Bertucci, Shemeca Brown, Jesse Gainsbrugh, Mark Gingrich, Donna Linck, Racine Riley, Latoya Stewart and Sheneka Ware have been awarded scholarships from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the American Association of College of Nursing. This is the third consecutive year that students from MCG have received the honor.

Drs. Deidre Crocker and Lance Potter, second-year allergy-immunology fellows, presented research presentations at the 65th Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology Society at Wild Dunes, S.C. Sept. 17-18. Crocker presented the paper, "How well do food specific IgE levels predict clinical reactions?" and Potter presented "Effect of vitamin D supplementation on total and specific IgE levels." Potter won the coveted award for Best Paper Presented by a Fellow-in-Training. Crocker and Potter also assisted Dr. Bill Dolen in an intense two-hour problem-based learning session called "Beat the

Professor." Crocker and Potter will also present research papers at the November meeting of the American College of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology, in Phoenix, Ariz. They have also been accepted as participants in the College's "FIT Bowl," a fiercely competitive trivia contest between fellowship training programs.

Dr. Scott De Rossi, chairman of the MCG School of Dentistry Department of Oral Health and Diagnostic Sciences, served as an expert consultant at the Fifth Annual World Workshop on Oral Medicine this month in London. During the workshop, held for the first time in five years, 75 oral medicine experts from 24 countries reviewed literature and discussed the future of research, patient care and education in oral medicine. De Rossi focused on facial pain and international oral medicine practice.

East Central Regional Hospital has been awarded the 2010 Community Partner Award, given annually by the MCG Department of Psychiatry and Health Behavior. The award honors those who work in partnership with MCG to provide delivery of mental health services.

Dr. Anand Jillella, Director of Clinical Research and Chief of Hematology, Oncology and Bone Marrow Transplant, recently served as the keynote spealer for the "Vintage Victors for the Cure." The fundraiser, at Mt. Vintage Plantation and Golf Community, raised \$18,000 for breast cancer research at MCG's Cancer Research Center.

Dr. Jennifer Pollock, biochemist and Weiss Professor at the Medical

College of Georgia Vascular Biology Center, has been appointed to the American Heart Association Research Committee. The 31-member group recommends research policy and portfolio for the national group that focuses on cardiovascular disease and stroke. Pollock will serve a two-year term on the group that also evaluates the performance of AHA-funded research programs and ensures the quality of grantapplication reviews.

Corey Sparks was recently named administrative fellow at MCGHealth after graduating from the Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs with a master's degree in health administration. Sparks is a native of Bloomfield, Ind., and his experience includes intern assignments at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis and Bloomington Hospital in Bloomington, Ind., where he worked on patient satisfaction, space planning, safety and financial performance projects. He is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Obituaries

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

Sheila Shell, retired supervisory medical technologist, died Sept. 15 **Rose E. Cummings**, retired sec-

retary in radiology, died Sept. 16. **Gerald Gleason**, spouse of Sandra Gleason, retired student services specialist in the office of academic admissions, died Sept 21

Charles Lamke, retired chemical safety officer for environmental health and safety, died Sept. 21

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Weapon violation

On Sept. 13 at 12:45 a.m., MCG Police stopped a vehicle at 15th Street and Laney Walker Blvd for running a red light. The driver was arrested for having no license on his person, for having suspended registration, and for failing to have

During an inventory of the vehicle, a weapon was discovered under the passenger's front seat. The passenger told officers it was his, and was subsequently arrested with carrying a concealed weapon. The weapon was confiscated, the vehicle was impounded and both driver and passenger were transported to the Richmond County Jail.

Entering an automobile

On Sept. 19 at 12:02 p.m., MCG Police investigated a vehicle breakin on the first level of MCG Parking Deck 10. Someone broke the passenger's side window and took several items from the vehicle. At

12:45 p.m., police investigated a motor vehicle theft that occurred on the second level of the same deck. The stolen vehicle is a white 1992 Chevrolet S-10 with black rims.

Anyone with additional information about these incidents is asked to contact MCG Police at 706-721-2911.



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MCG Health System **Board selects vice chair**

University System of Georgia Regent William "Dink" H. NeSmith Jr., president and co-owner of Athens-based Community Newspapers, Inc., was selected vice chair of the MCG Health System, Inc., Board of Directors on Sept. 29.

MCG Health System Inc., established in July, governs MCG Health Inc., the organization that manages the hospitals and clinics, and the Physicians Practice Group. Medical College of Georgia President Ricardo Azziz is CEO and chairman of the board of MCG Health System Inc.

Also, Rebecca N. Sullivan, a member of the Judicial Nominating Commission and the State Bar of Georgia who has served as a policy advisor and counsel to Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue, was named chairwoman of the Finance Committee.

In other board action: Womble and Carlyle, a 550-attorney North-Carolina based firm with offices in Atlanta and expertise in health care law and academic medical center counsel, was selected legal counsel.

Dr. David Terris, chairman of the MCG Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, was named interim vice president for clinical activities. The new position works with

the School of Medicine and MCG Health System to enhance the efficiency and scope of patient care services.

The charters and chairmen of three committees were confirmed, including the Audit Committee chaired by Josh B. Belinfante, the Planning and Development Committee chaired by Regent C. Thomas Hopkins Jr. and the Finance Committee chaired by Sullivan.

Diane McAllister, chief operating officer of Georgia Health Sciences Foundation, was named board secretary and Barbara Hill, former administrative assistant to the MCG president, was named assistant secretary.

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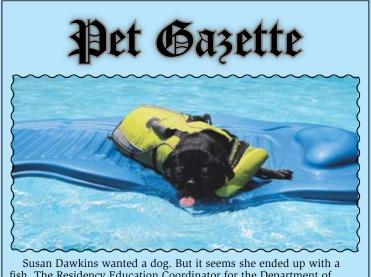
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fish. The Residency Education Coordinator for the Department of Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine has quite the water dog in her 18-month-old pug, Abby. "She loves to lie on the float and float around the pool. When she gets thirsty she just leans over the float and gets a sip of water," Dawkins said. And while dog paddling is a respectable past time for man and his best friend, this pretty pug seems to have missed his swimming lessons. "Abby can swim for about three strokes and then sinks like a submarine," Dawkins said. But as long as she has her doggie life jacket on she will swim all day long.

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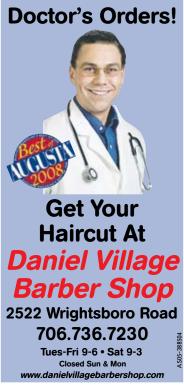
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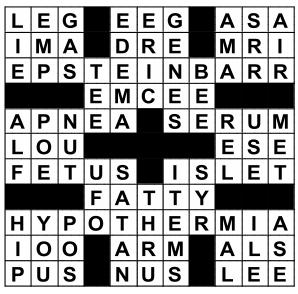






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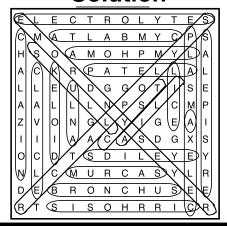
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