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(left) and Corrie Brown, professor and
Coordinator of International Activities,
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discuss the \$1.6M grant Georgia re-
ceived to develop agrosecurity aware-
ness with the help of the CVM.

College creates new academic department

RECENTLY APPROVED BY THE Board of Regents, the new Department of Population Health will be formed in the College.


The department will consist of four units: the Poultry Diagnostic and Research Center (PDRC), Laboratory Animal Medicine, the Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study (SCWDS), and the Food Animal Health Management Program.

The new department was formed to respond to the profession's need to train veterinarians to

enter food animal practice and production, public health, and public practice.

Building on the successful model and programs at SCWDS and PDRC, the new department will focus on developing similar equally successful programs in food animal medicine, laboratory animal medicine, epidemiology, and

public health.

John Glisson, ('80) professor and head of the Department of Avian Medicine, has been named head of the new department. 




We lead the nation in agrosecurity training

WORKING WITH THE GEORGIA Department of Agriculture, the College has developed an agrosecurity awareness training program for Georgia which is a model for the nation.

To fund the program, State Veterinarian Lee Myers, Class of 1984, was successful in procuring a \$1.6 million grant from the Department of Homeland Security, much of which will be used by the University of Georgia — including the College of Veterinary Medicine — to develop a curriculum and disseminate information throughout the state.

Estimated to reach about 3,500 people, the program has already produced a textbook, written by Myers and Brown, as well as a PowerPoint presentation.

The Department of Homeland Security and the USDA have

approved the publication of a second edition of the textbook, due out later this summer. 

In Memoriam

The faculty, staff, and alumni of the College were saddened by the passing of the following alumni:

JUNE 2005

Jesse Pittman Davis, Class of 1975
Lincoln Arnold, Class of 1982
Bill McMullan, Class of 1957

FEBRUARY 2005

George A. Talbot, Class of 1968

JANUARY 2005

James A. Jarrett, Class of 1960

DECEMBER 2004

D. Earl Hightower, Class of 1950

NOVEMBER 2004

Clyde William Taff, Sr., Class of 1955

GRADUATES THEN AND NOW



Class of 1955



Class of 2005

New teaching hospital high on the priority list

A NEW VETERINARY TEACHING hospital was added recently to the list of major construction projects to be presented next year to the Georgia General Assembly for funding.

The proposed hospital is expected to get construction funding in next year's state budget. It should be a reality in 5-7 years.


The \$68.5 million, 140,000-square-foot project will allow the college to expand its caseload, improve service and instruction, and attract highly qualified faculty, UGA President Michael Adams told the Board of Regents at a recent presentation.

"The job market today demands many times more than the number

of vet-med students than we are able to provide each year. The state needs the new teaching hospital," he said.

Today's teaching hospital is virtually the same as it was when it opened in 1979, but technology, caseloads, and medicine have changed drastically.

The 50,000-square-foot facility had a caseload of 18,500 in 2004 — thousands more than larger facilities at peer institutions.

The new hospital will be built on a 100-acre property off Barnett Shoals Road, near the corner of College Station Road. The current hospital space will be used to create more instructional space for first- and second-year students. 

They make all of us proud: 2005 alumni award winners

Danny T. Allen

*Distinguished Alumnus Award
Class of 1968*

Although he is retired from private practice, Danny T. Allen continues to serve the North Carolina

Veterinary Medicine Association as its legislative chair.

Allen was the only person to serve two terms as president of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association. He received the association's Veterinarian of the Year award, as well as its Distinguished Veterinarian Award for his dedication to the organization's work.



Tom Divers

*Distinguished Alumnus Award
Class of 1975*

Animal owners and veterinarians worldwide have sought out Tom Divers' expertise in large animal medicine.

He has received the Norden Distinguished Teaching Award from both Cornell University and the Uni-



versity of Pennsylvania, plus three other teaching awards from Penn.

Presently professor of medicine at Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine, his research focuses on neurological diseases of cattle and horses.

Michael S. Lieb

*Distinguished Alumnus Award
Class of 1979*

As professor of small animal internal medicine, Michael S. Lieb has earned every teaching award the Virginia/Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine offers and has made significant research contributions in small animal gastroenterology.

Lieb also received Virginia Tech University's teaching excellence award, as well as the national Norden award for teaching excellence.

He has been at the VMRCVM at Virginia Tech for 22 years.



James Russell Lindsey
*Distinguished Alumnus Award
Class of 1957*

James Russell Lindsey is professor emeritus of genetics at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

He is a diplomate of the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine, and the American College of Veterinary pathologists.

Lindsey received UAB's highest honor for teaching and has won both top national honors in his field: the AVMA Charles River Prize and the Nathan R. Brewer Scientific Achievement Award of the American Association of Laboratory Animal Science.



Steven A. Rogers

*Distinguished Alumnus Award
Class of 1971*

Steven A. Rogers, a dedicated practitioner and public servant in veterinary medicine, has owned the Falls Church Animal Hospital since 1975, and was 1996 Virginia Veterinarian of the Year.

An adjunct professor at the Virginia/Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine, Rogers also is active in the Virginia Veterinary Medicine Association, the American Veterinary Medicine Association and the American Animal Hospital Association.



Grace Heather Wilson

*Young Achiever Award
Class of 1995*

Assistant professor of small animal medicine at the University of Georgia, Heather Wilson teaches exotic animal medicine.

She serves as staff veterinarian for the Athens Zoo and as consultant to Zoo Atlanta and Riverbanks Zoo.

Wilson received the Association of Avian Veterinarians' outstanding service award five years in a row. She is associate editor of the Journal of Avian Medicine and Surgery. 📧



Six generations of Ugas now available on DVD

Damn Good Dog, a newly released documentary, details the lives of six generations of Uga bulldogs. With Larry Munson as the voice of Uga and football clips from Ugacam, fans can experience games between the hedges through Uga's eyes.

Uga VI has a special relationship to the College since he is spokesdog for our new hospital campaign, and is a celebrity patient of Bruce Hollett, professor, Large Animal Medicine.

Damn Good Dog includes appearances by well-known coaches, players, and staff members past and present, such as Vince Dooley, Herschel Walker, Damon Evans, and Mark Richt.



The film also features Uga's owners, Sonny and Cecelia Seiler, and highlights their relationship to their pets and the University of Georgia.

DVD bonus materials include a profile of cartoonist Jack Davis and Munson Goes to the Movies, a look at the announcer's all-female Movie Club.

Damn Good Dog is available in Athens retail stores and online at www.damngooddog.com.

Who will be honored next year?

It's up to you. Please send us your nomination on the enclosed from.

42ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND ALUMNI REUNION:

Thanks for the Memories



Class of 1955



Class of 1960



Class of 1970



Class of 1965



Class of 1975



Class of 1980



Class of 1990



Class of 2000



President's Breakfast

Would you like prints?

To order photos of these and other events, visit kodakgallery.com and go to member sign in. The member ID is dsparer@vet.uga.edu. The password is `vetmed`. You will see albums of photos taken at various events and can order prints in any size. If you need help, call Sue Smith or Dot Sparer at 706/542-1446.



Reunion reception


Class Cheerleaders Needed!

We're looking for alumni who would like to serve as class representatives—the vital link between reunion classes and the College.

As a class rep, we'll depend on you to encourage your classmates to stay in touch, to attend reunions and receptions,

and participate in other alumni activities.

The classes that need representatives are 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996 and 2001.

Interested? Please contact Alumni Relations Director Carlton Bain, 706/542.5732 or alumni@vet.uga.edu. 

Hope to see you there!

CVM ALUMNI RECEPTIONS

Dean's Fall Social

September 3
Athens

American Association of Equine Practitioners Convention

December 3-7
Seattle

43rd Annual Conference and Alumni Reunion

April 1-2, 2006
Athens

Dean's Fall Social

Please join us for food, fun, and fellowship in the College's Student Lobby on September 3 before the first home game of the season against Boise State. The social will begin at 3:30 p.m., and the game begins at 5:30 p.m.

Alumni Relations Director Carlton Bain would appreciate an RSVP if you plan to be there: alumni@vet.uga.edu or 706/542-5732.



Home Game Football Schedule

All games are played on Saturday

September 3 — Boise State, 5:30 p.m. kickoff

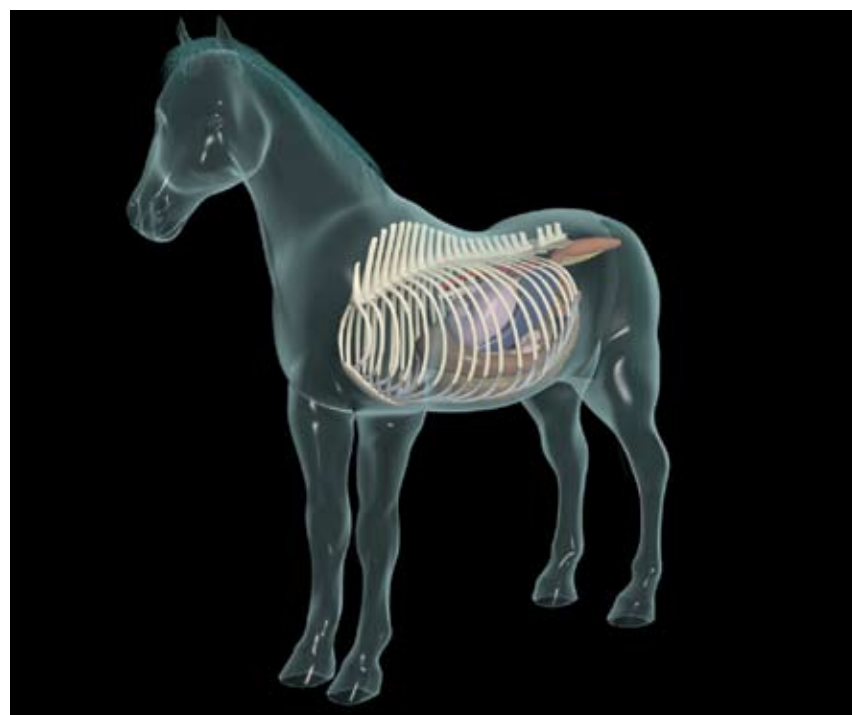
September 10 — South Carolina, 5:30 p.m. kickoff

September 17 — Louisiana-Monroe

October 22 — Arkansas (Homecoming)

November 12 — Auburn

November 19 — Kentucky




A prestigious award for the Glass Horse Project

The Glass Horse Project, three-dimensional simulations of horse anatomy available on CDs, won the prestigious Netter Award for Contributions to Medical Education.

Two interactive animations, created by graphic artists and large animal faculty at the College, help students, horse owners, and practitioners view the inner workings of the horse's distal limb and abdominal cavity from all angles.

The animations are coupled with still images and narrations to show the spatial relationships in the abdominal cavity and the distal limb in healthy horses and those with colic or lameness, as well as other diseases and injuries.

For more information about the project, visit www.3dglasshorse.com 


DVM/PhD program will train future scientists

A new Veterinary Medical Scientist Training Program will go into effect this fall. It is designed to allow students to pursue a DVM and PhD degree simultaneously and, upon completion of the program, to meet the growing need for biomedical researchers.

The program's goal is One Medicine – to train students to integrate veterinary medicine, human medicine, and basic research so that they can contribute to the advancement of biomedical research.

Eligible applicants will come from undergraduate, graduate, or DVM programs.

Applicants must have significant research experience in addition to in-depth clinical experience in at least one field of veterinary medicine.

For details contact: Professor Duncan Ferguson, duncanf@vet.uga.edu. 

For referring practitioners: The Behavior Service

At a time when behavior problems are the number one cause of euthanasia and abandonment of pet animals, and dog bites are at epidemic levels, the Teaching Hospital offers veterinarians diagnosis and treatment of harmful behaviors for their clients' animals.

What services are available to pets with behavior problems?

Behavior modification, environmental modification, and sometimes medications are the treatments usually prescribed. The majority of techniques the staff uses are based on positive reinforcement.

Who staffs the service?

Sharon Crowell-Davis, who heads the service, has practiced behavioral medicine for 27 years, and has treated thousands of patients—including cats, dogs, horses, parrots, ferrets, and rabbits.

With an intern and a veterinary technician, the service

is prepared to handle a variety of behavior problems and to do research on behavior problem prevention.

Sharon Crowell-Davis, head

Where did you get your professional education?

I received my DVM from Auburn University in 1978, and my Ph.D. from Cornell University in 1983. I am a diplomate of the



American College of Veterinary Behaviorists, and am one of the founders of the organization.

What types of cases would you like to have referred to you?

Any type of behavior problem, particularly those that are harmful or unacceptable to the owner,

other people, or other animals. This includes aggressive dogs, cats that don't use the litter box, feather-picking birds, and horses with trailering difficulties.

Mami Irimajiri, intern

Where did you get your professional education?

I earned my veterinary degree from Nippon Veterinary and Animal Science University in Tokyo in 1992, and my Ph.D. from Purdue University in 2004.



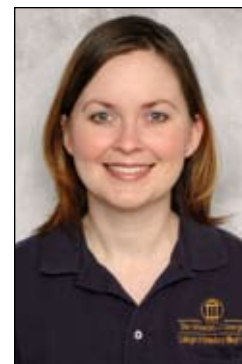
What types of cases would you like to have referred to you?

In particular, dogs with canine compulsive disorder. I am also studying behavior problem prevention.

Katherine Zaske, veterinary technician

Where did you get your professional education?

I earned my BS from the University of Wisconsin in 1998 and an associate degree from Manor College in 2002. I am a certified veterinary technician, and a member of the Georgia Veterinary Technician and Assistant Association. 



Patients are needed for studies on the treatment of storm phobia in dogs. For details call Kathy Zaske, 706/542.0269

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November 5-6	Basic Exotic Endoscopy
December 3-4 9 10-11	Small Animal Internal Medicine Advanced Minimally Invasive Surgery Advanced Exotic Animal Endoscopy

ALUMNI HONORS

Dale Bjorling ('82), received the 2005 Pfizer Award for Research Excellence, which

recognizes outstanding research efforts and productivity.

He is professor and chair of the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine's department of Surgical Sciences.



Lee Myers ('84), received the AVMA Public Service Award at the 141st annual AVMA Convention.

She is the youngest person ever to win the award, and is the first woman to be so honored.




Richard H. Long ('65), received the 2004 Veterinarian of the Year Award from the Delaware Veterinary Medical Association.

Patrick C. McCaskey (MS '81), received a 2004 Presidential Rank Award for Distinguished Executive, the nation's highest civil service award.



Richard L. Wilkes ('77), was named State Veterinarian, Director of the Division of Animal and Food Industry Services, in February 2005 by the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Patty Scharko ('83), received the Pfizer Animal Health/AABP Distinguished Service Award at the annual conference of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners in September 2004. 



State Representative Gene Maddox ('59), was present when Governor Sonny Perdue ('71), signed legislation to create a state income tax check off which will benefit the state's Dog and Cat Sterilization Program.

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Print of painting by Jill Leite

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