On January 3, 2003, the football team of my college alma mater, The Ohio State University, shocked America by winning the national championship in an extraordinary upset and in what many have called the greatest college football game ever played.

When I returned to work on January 7, my celebration of that win continued unplanned as some thoughtful persons decorated my office in Ohio State colors: scarlet and gray (which, all respect to the Miami Hurricanes, was a lot better than finding green and orange).

Fully a month and a half after that game ended, remarkably I still find myself buoyed by and basking in the good feelings of that victory.

As I reflect upon that win by Ohio State, it reinforces to me that we all want to be affiliated with a winner. We not only want to be associated with winning sports teams, but also more importantly winning teams at work and in life. I cannot imagine any of us going home and saying "I work for the worst outfit on earth and I am happy and proud of it."

Within each of us are the qualities to be a success and to be part of a winning team here. Some of these qualities relate to talent, but if Ohio State proved anything, it was that a winning team did not necessarily have to have the best talent. The fastest, strongest and most athletic football players, for example, lost the game on January 3.

The key to being successful and a winner in animal resources is to be driven to achieve high goals, to use the failures that will occur sometimes from chasing those goals as an inspiration to learn and improve, and to care foremost about what the group achieves together.

The poet Dr. Maya Angelou has said: "If you find it in your heart to care for somebody else, you will have succeeded." If we care for each other, our animals, our scientists and what we want to achieve as a group, we will achieve our goal to provide outstanding support to scientists and we will be judged winners.

CONGRATULATIONS to Darlene Wyche-Allen on acquiring a son-in-law. Her daughter, Tishanna was married on Valentine's Day, February 14, 2003.

FOND FAREWELL to Eye Center Supervisor, Paul Jenkins, who left us February 27, for a supervisor position at Morehouse School of Medicine. You will be sorely missed by all.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jonivan Womack, who has recently graduated from the status of 'temporary' and was made a permanent Emory DAR employee this month.

WELCOME BACK to Karen Lieber, returning to us after surgery on her knee. Now you can move twice as fast!

CONGRATULATIONS to Roy Weinberg, Jr. on his 40th anniversary of employment at Emory. Way to go!
Perhaps in response to the appeal for more submissions for the newsletter, but more likely in response to the wonderful experience several of us had at the SEAALAS meeting we recently hosted, the Dispatch was flooded with SEAALAS kudos. Many of us were given kudos for our participation, planning, support, teamwork, courage to stand up and speak, dedication, enthusiasm and professional spirit. So many in fact that the kudos section was expanded to two columns and SEAALAS stuff still took up more than half of it. There were simply too many to print all of them if non-SEAALAS, regular facility kudos were also to be included. The Dispatch has decided to pull the SEAALAS kudos out in a section by themselves, accompanied by photos taken at the banquet Thursday night, Jan 30, 2003. Please enjoy!

To LaShay Cobb and Neville Whitehead from Dr. Huerkamp, for excellent presentations at the SEAALAS meeting on January 30. They may not have won the $100, but their efforts were excellent and their talks were invaluable.

To Jonathan Dear from Kim Benjamin, for all of his help with the SEAALAS meeting. When the semester is over you will be greatly missed.

To Kim Benjamin and Dr. Lehner from Sylvia Banks, for serving on the SEAALAS Program Planning Committee. The meeting was a tremendous success, in no small part because of the excellent ideas and commitment of these two creative and dynamic individuals. It wouldn’t have been half as good without your contribution!

To LaShay Cobb and Neville Whitehead from Kim Benjamin, for giving such excellent Tech Tips at the SEAALAS meetings.

To Sylvia Banks and her program committee, most notably our own Kim Benjamin and Dr. Lehner, from Dr. Huerkamp, for organizing and delivering the most successful and best attended SEAALAS meeting ever. On now to the national AALAS Program Committee!

To Sylvia Banks from Kim Benjamin, for picking me to be on the SEAALAS committee. I really enjoyed the experience and would love to do it again.

To LaShay Cobb and Neville Whitehead from Sylvia Banks, for their talks during the Tech Tip session at SEAALAS. They both did an outstanding job. We are all so proud of you both.

Finally, to the many others who helped in getting the details of the meeting done from Sylvia Banks. They include Cisco Calderon, Jonathan Dear, Minida Dowdy, Marsha Howard, Paul Jenkins, Greg Kable, Michelle Kulasiwickicz, Susan Martin, Gary Roesinger, Lynne Morelock-Ray, Lisa Tillman, Wes Thompson, and Neville Whitehead, Jen Pullium, Mike Huerkamp and Rebecca Schnupp. Hopefully I haven’t missed anyone. It was truly a team effort. DAR should be very proud of our collective efforts!
Name: Karen Lieber  
Position: Veterinary Technician  
Location: DAR (everywhere!)  
Longevity: Karen was hired in April 01  

Personal Background: Born in NYC, Karen came to Atlanta in 1988. After attending Mount Ida College in Boston, Mass., Karen became a Vet Tech, and has been for 18 years now. She has a Sheltie named Frodo and two orange male longhaired tabbies named TJ and Frankenstein. A home owner since 2000, she now splits her time between here and New Orleans where her significant other, Mikey, resides.  

Most Rewarding Aspect of your job: Through my position, I have the satisfaction of ensuring the research animals at Emory get the best possible care and humane treatment. If you could travel anywhere in the world where would you go? A tropical island with no people (except me and Mikey).  

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Perspectives on Diversity at Emory  
Panel discussion with students, faculty, staff, and administrators, discussing the climate of diversity on campus. March 3, 5:30 - 7:00PM [Cox Hall Ballrooms]  

IF YOU STILL HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR DENTAL OR HEALTHCARE CARDS, PLEASE CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE VENDORS AT THE PHONE NUMBERS BELOW.  
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Dental Traditional (Aetna)  
1-877-238-6200  
Dental Access (OHS)  
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Birthdays  
- Kasie Moore  
- Leonid Trebelev  
- Rick Bradley  
- Gary Roesinger  
- Kim Benjamin  
- Claude Reese, Jr.  
- 3/8  
- 3/14  
- 3/26  
- 3/27  
- 3/28  
- 3/31  

Anniversaries  
- Chez Hazel  
- Beatrice Salako  
- Gary Meneffe  
- Kathy McCormack  
- Cisco Calderon  
- Pat Troutman  
- 1 yr in Feb  
- 1 yr in Feb  
- 1 yr in Feb  
- 5 yrs in Mar  
- 5 yrs in Mar  
- 4 yrs in Mar
Kudos to Claude Reese and Leonid Trebelev from Paul Jenkins, for holding down Eye Center while I was away, and for their support in general. GREAT JOB!
Kudos to my boss Dr. Dirck Dillehay from Sonji Webb, for being such a wonderful, helpful, and caring person. I am lucky to be working for him!
Kudos to Karen Lieber from Marsha Howard, for her unrelenting patience and enthusiasm, in helping me get all the wayward felines at Rollins and Peavine "cat"aloged and inventoried! You're the BEST!
Kudos to Lynne Morelock-Roy from Drs. Huerkamp and Rich for a great job surveying other institutions to help benchmark our animal resources program with that of our peers. This information will enable the School of Medicine to better support our programs and will, in turn, enable us to better support our scientists.
Kudos to Shahzad Ali from Beatrice Salako, for his enthusiastic assistance with any project given to him, and for his hard work entering all the Cost Accounting timecards.
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Kudos to Wes Thompson and Sylvia Banks from Dr. Huerkamp, for responding to an urgent need early on a Friday evening to move a monkey from MPTP isolation back to its housing room. This is another great example of DAR going the extra mile and putting the needs of our researchers and their animals ahead of our own.
Kudos to Jen Pullium from the vet techs, thanks for being there when we need you, and for being "The Boss" of all bosses!
Kudos to Carol Westbury from Franz Legat of the Glass lab, for taking excellent care of his mice.
Kudos to Kim Benjamin from Sonji Webb, for her friendship, great work, and support in the lab. Kim does a great job!
Kudos to Kim Benjamin, Karen Lieber, Kasie Moore, and Natalie Thorn from Dr. Jen Pullium for doing such a great job with the Athens Veterinary Technician students.
Kudos to the office crew from Paul Jenkins, for all your help and support.
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Kudos to Cisco and Gary for going out of their way at times to get me what I needed.
Kudos to Pat Troutman from Kim Benjamin, for all of her help in Quarantine. It is very nice to have such a competent worker backing me up. Thanks!
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Kudos to Karen Lieber from Kasie Moore and Susan Kirkland, for coming back and picking up right where she left off. You go girl!
Kudos to DAR Administration for flowers and staff members for their cards and condolences, from Paul Jenkins. It truly helped in a very difficult time.
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Kudos to Beatrice Salako from Paul Jenkins, for patience helping me learn the TAS system.
Kudos to Greg Kable and Rebecca Schnupp from Dr. Huerkamp, for going the extra mile, including personal telephone reminders, to enhance work place safety and make sure that all primate users watched the "Working Safely with Nonhuman Primates" video.

Editor's squawk
The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and science.
Albert Einstein, 1879 - 1955
Susan Martin, Editor

Sylvia Banks, Co-Editor