Leader of the Pack

by Dr. Mike Huerkamp, Director

It is not always easy to talk about personal things, but with the holidays upon us I thought I might share the story of special gifts my family and I received one Christmas now many years ago. In early December 1976 my father died after battling a lengthy illness. My mother was a homemaker and was widowed to raise seven children of which I was the eldest at the age of 19 and only a freshman in college. My mom was left with a mortgage to pay, a small amount of life insurance benefits, a deteriorating 14-year-old Chevrolet Biscayne station wagon, aging duraclip appliances, and the prospect of no future income except for that provided by social security and qualifying for free school lunches for my siblings. There had been no time or resources to prepare for the holidays. Although stunned as we struggled to come to grips with the death of my father and how we would persevere in the future, a somber and sobering Christmas was clearly in the immediate offing.

But Christmas morning for my mother, my siblings and myself dawned in a remarkably different and unforgettable light. A few presents for each of us, totally unexpected, were arranged under our little Christmas tree. A pre-owned car covered with a light dusting of snow and topped with a large red bow was parked in the driveway. A new washing machine was on the way. Other acts of goodwill would follow and in the kind of way that admittedly are not available to all and perhaps only most possible in a middle class American neighborhood. Still, it mattered. A few years later, several neighbors stepped forth and took the risk to co-sign educational loans on my behalf so that I could go to veterinary school.

To this day I can only guess as to whom among our neighbors, friends and relatives in Springfield Township, Ohio anonymously gave with such memorable generosity that Christmas. I have to admit that I have been blessed with wonderful Christmases since that time, but none have been as spiritually rich or reaffirming as that of December 25, 1976. Whenever I reminisce upon that day it never fails to cause a few tears of gratitude to well in my eyes. More so, the enduring effect of that surprising Christmas is that it constantly reminds me of the inherent goodness in all people and of my obligation to share of myself with my community and to share the blessings I have received with others. As I now reflect back, I suspect the most enduring gifts from that time were those of faith, optimism, opportunity, and community. We all have many gifts to share. Some of unique genius may create a lasting work of art or craft a literary masterpiece, but most of us do not have that kind of talent. We all can, however, believe in people, give opportunities to those that will try to take advantage of them, and help people grow and develop and change their lives so that they can change others. Those are gifts that I am proud we have been able to offer over the years in the DAR. To each of you, I hope this holiday season of 2006, in some ways like mine of 1976, is filled with many blessings, revelations, surprises, and lasting gifts.
BIRTHDAYS

Tina Engle  November 3rd
Daniel Duah  November 6th
Franklin Velasquez  November 13th
Karen Lieber  November 15th
Kirk Hubbard  November 19th
Monterria Fowler  November 19th
Kendall Flynt  December 9th
Ann Griffey  December 9th
Tawana Johnson  December 11th
Cisco Calderon  December 19th
Thomas Jackson  December 21st
Karen Strait  December 24th
Michelle Kulasiewicz  December 24th
Darlene Wyche-Alha-De  December 26th
Calvin Dunkley  December 31st

ANNIVERSARIES

Kendall Flynt  October 30th (1)
Carol Westbury  November 4th (4)
Daniel Duah  November 14th (2)
Mike Shelton  November 22nd (13)
Kasie Moore  November 26th (5)
Agnes Nanje  November 29th (7)
Marsha Howard  December 5th (6)
Rashidat Ayantunji  December 15th (3)

MILESTONES

Congratulations to Kasie Moore on her 5th year of service here at DAR!

Congratulations to Kendall Smith on her recent marriage to Rob Flynt!!

Welcome

There are some new faces around campus that we would like to welcome.

Andrew Book  Animal Care Technician I at Pediatrics
Koya Alford  Animal Care Technician I at Woodruff
Alyssa Kairdolf  Secretary

Carl Thompson  Cage Wash Temp
UNDER THE SCOPE

Name: Agnes Nanje
Position: Animal Care Technician III at Woodruff
Longevity: 3 Years

Personal Background: I was born in Cameroon West Africa. I have three brothers and one sister. I went to school in Nigeria West Africa where I was awarded a Bachelors of Science in Zoology. I am presently married and have three beautiful girls. I had all three girls while here at DAR.

Most Rewarding Aspect of my Job: The most rewarding aspect of my job is hearing about the new technologies and methods that are being used to discover more information about diseases in research animals that are affecting the lives of humans. Also, most rewarding at my job is when I use those keen eyes of mine to recognize sick animals, which are being treated otherwise would have died in pain.

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go? I would travel back home to Cameroon with my husband and kids. I would also have a bank account with one million dollars in it. Part of the money would enable me to get a private jet and travel around the world.

In my free time, what do you enjoy doing? I enjoy playing with my girls, watching African movies, and cooking delicious African dishes.

Technician Page

ALAT
1. The IACUC must meet at least ____________.
2. Wire bottom caging is recommended for rodents. True or False.
3. What is the recommended range for relative humidity in an animal room?

LAT
1. Limb movement is accomplished by ________________________________.
2. The total blood volume in an animal’s body equals approximately _________ % of its body weight.
3. USDA identification tags for dogs and cats must be retained for _________ year(s) for possible review by a USDA inspector.

LATG
1. MPV is an acronym for what disease of laboratory animals? ________________________________
2. Cats are not susceptible to dog distemper, and humans are resistant to hog cholera. These examples represent _________ disease resistance.
3. _______lymphocytes provide antibody-mediated immunity.
Kudos to Wes Thompson for helping out in cage wash at WMRB, to Cisco Calderon for helping out in WBRB cage wash and to Kasic Moore for changing out mouse cages in WMRB on a Monday when we had 13 staff members out (some scheduled, some not). Thanks.

Nancy Miller

**Kudos to Keith Abraham** from the vet staff for so proficiently taking over the hay enrichment of the long-term housed sheep.

**Kudos to Cisco Calderon** from Neville Whitehead for helping out in Whitehead cage wash during critical staff shortage.

**Kudos to Michelle Kulasiewicz** from Lynne Morelock-Roy for working through a tough year end close, for moving through a job search in incredible time and for being such a great supervisor! Kudos to you for thinking of the little things and planning them

**Kudos to Montriss Fowler** from Kasic Moore for all of your assistance. Thank you!

**Kudos to Gary Roesinger** from Cisco Calderon for all of great work.

**Kudos to Kasic Moore** from Ann Griffey for coming over to help do cage change and checking of rooms during the staff shortage at Woodruff you were a big help.

**Kudos to Mike Huerkamp** from Deb Mook for stepping in and lecturing in IBS 691 when scheduled lecturers cancelled. Your help is much appreciated.

These kudos from Dr. Lawley were received in a letter to Dr. Huerkamp: This has been another banner year for the School of Medicine in our academic and clinical accomplishments, and it gives me more pleasure than you know when I am among other deans at national meetings or working with our donors to talk about what our medical school has accomplished. I am especially proud of the contributions our faculty have made in expanding our reputation through their outstanding scholarly endeavors. I am fully aware and equally proud of the contributions, dedication, professionalism and work of our veterinarians and staff in the Division of Animal Resources that have made so many of the research accomplishments possible. We are on target with our strategic plan and have added to it many wonderful new initiatives with collaborations across the campus and beyond, and our DAR has done the same. With your help, we have made enormous progress and changed the face of the School of Medicine over the past 10 years, and I hope you share my confidence in our brilliant future and great appreciation for being able to work at Emory.

**Kudos to Nancy Miller and Wes Thompson** from Ann Griffey for working the cage wash area, Wes I know whom I can called upon to do primate pans ha!!!!!!!!!

**Kudos to Karen Lieber, Casey Brinsfield, and Lynn Collura** from Doug Taylor for skillfully covering all duties while Kasic Moore and Kendall Smith were away.

**Kudos to Cisco Calderon** from Ann Griffey for stepping in and working the cage wash area, gave you a break from trying to get to the loading dock and taking time to put together the cabinet. When we short again can we call you ha !!!!!!!!!!!

**Kudos to Jose Martinez ( JJ ) and Daniel Duah** from Neville Whitehead for their help in cage wash after they finish their regular husbandry work.

**Kudos to Cisco Calderon and Gary Roesinger** from Ann Griffey you guys are great thanks for all that you do with helping me getting things moved and last minute request.

you guys give with all the millions question |Kudos to Neville Whitehead and Marsha Howard** from Ann Griffey for the help have.

**Kudos to the WMRB staff** from Ann Griffey for pulling together during staff shortage.

In our mission to provide for the health and well-being of people everywhere by providing the finest support possible for Emory scientists, two of our most important charges are to provide high quality service at affordable rates. With regard to the latter, kudos to everyone in the DAR for doing their part to control costs so that we can offer low per diems to our scientists. The 2006 Yale Per Diem Survey has just been released and among 22 participating institutions and involving 18 applicable species-specific per diem rates, Emory's rates were below the average for 14 (78%), including mice, rats, cats, dogs, pigs, Xenopus, monkeys, and sheep. There are many factors that impinge upon the rates beginning with the design of our facilities and extending to environmental control, automation where feasible, purchasing agreements, ergonomically appropriate equipment, and efficient procedures. Among the most important, in my opinion and experience, are experienced, talented and caring people working together as a team. Great job everyone! Mike Huerkamp
Kudos to the other cage wash crew Erik Thurman, Calvin Dunklin and Franklin Valesquez from Neville Whitehead for taking on added responsibilities during our staff shortage.

Kudos to Daniel Amankwah from Karen Lieber for helping identify two protocol violations in the earliest stages.

Kudos to Cisco Calderon from Michelle Kulasiewicz for stepping in as an animal care tech when he was needed.

Kudos to Tina Engle and Russell Neal from Lynne Morlock-Roy for a smooth transition to accounting.

Kudos to Dr. Huerkamp from Gary Roesinger for making the delicious "Death by Chocolate Graveyard" for Halloween indulgence.

Kudos to Cisco Calderon from Karen Lieber for finding rats in distress and the Gary Roesinger for getting them to the lab for euthanasia.

Kudos to Tina Engle from Lynne Morlock-Roy for working through new job tasks and details while closing out old ones. For bringing up the Business Inventory Program, for closing out FY06 cost accounting time and warehouse, for looking after the purchasing functions during Darlene's absence and for tackling the vet/path fees!

Kudos to Cisco Calderon from Karen Lieber for finding so many rats in need of veterinary care on his day as honorary animal care technician

Kudos to Alyssa Kairdolf from Michelle Kulasiewicz for stepping right in to the office and learning the ropes with calm efficiency. You are appreciated.

Kudos to MacGyver from Casey Brinsfield for being skilled in car repair and for encompassing a thrill for wild life rescuing! Thanks Wes Thompson

Kudos to Russell Neal from Lynne Morlock-Roy for maintaining good humor while learning the 'how to's' of the HR position and for providing strong support for Alyssa.

Kudos to Ann Griffey, Marsha Howard, and Neville Whitehead from Lynn Collura for being so helpful and supportive.

Kudos to Alyssa Kairdolf from Lynne Morlock-Roy for her great detail and maintaining our accounting flow and then doing so in our customer service! Welcome on board!

Kudos to Manny DaSilva from Lynn Collura for heroically rescuing the treadmill mice.

Kudos to Greg Kable from Lynne Morlock-Roy for meeting everyone's needs while being down a person and while conducting two job searches!

Kudos to Sharmyn Gipson & Kathy McCormack from Michelle Kulasiewicz for giving such excellent customer service in the past few hectic and trying weeks. We are lucky to have you!

Kudos to Ellen Adams and Kim Benjamin from Tina Engle for all your help in answering all my questions on Diag tests!

Kudos to Dylan Summerville from Lynn Collura for keeping a watchful eye out for "tail rot".

Kudos to Kathy McCormack and Sharmyn Gipson from Lynne Morlock-Roy for keeping this place going, keeping everyone sane and making our customers happy.

Kudos to Darlene Wyche-Alda-De from Michelle Kulasiewicz for keeping track of all the office supplies. When we need something it is always there because of you!

Kudos to Doug Taylor from Lynn Collura for being patient and understanding.

Kudos to Darlene Wyche-Alha-De from Lynne Morlock-Roy for an incredibly well run year end close and keeping on top of everything!

Kudos to Greg Kable from Lynn Collura for making a million CD's of mouse pictures for me.

Kudos to Carol Westbury from Karen Lieber for asking me to investigate something she thought was unusual, thus enabling me to stop another protocol violation (twice)

Kudos to Tina Engle from Michelle Kulasiewicz for doing two jobs for the price of one! While learning your new job you are training Russell in his new duties.

Kudos to Russell Neal from Michelle Kulasiewicz for taking the time to thoroughly train Alyssa in the workings of the front office while taking on your new duties at the same time.
Kudos to Mike Huerkamp from all the former smokers for your unprecedented concern for all our longevity and well being.

Kudos to Kasie Moore and Karen Lieber from Tina Engle - You guys have made yourselves so completely available to me! Thank you for making the time to help me with the vet tech services!

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Kudos to Darlene Wyche-Alha-De from Tina Engle for taking the time to make copies of the packing slips for me and Russell! Now, it's OUR turn! :)

Kudos to Dr. Mike Huerkamp from Tina Engle - Your graveyard dessert was delicious! Thanks for making Halloween so tasty! Death by chocolate was great!

Kudos to Dr. Dirck Dillehay from Tina Engle for helping me understand the process of some of the tests you all run in the back!

Kudos to Marsha Howard and Rashidat Ayantuji from Tina Engle for doing such an outstanding job with your detailed notes on the CA timecards!

Kudos to Russell Neal from Tina Engle - You are doing a terrific job with the Cost Accounting timecards! Keep it up!

Kudos to Facility Supervisors and Managers from Tina Engle for keeping up with the coding packets for facility supplies AND the MOU's for Space Management! Your quick turnaround is MUCH appreciated!

Kudos to Cisco Calderon and Gary Roesinger from Tina Engle for continually working on the inventory counts with me! :)

Kudos to Russell Neal from Lynne Morelock-Roy and Greg Kable - You made our decision so much easier.

Kudos to Michael Shelton, Rashidat Ayantuji, Roger Dixon and Gary Menefee from Marsha Howard for helping out in cage wash during staff shortages.

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Kudos to Rashidat Ayantuji, Tulasi Ghimirey, Gary Menefee and Roger Dixon from Marsha Howard for helping out at the Winship facility during their staff shortage.

TOP TEN NOV. C/A:

Kasie Moore, Lynn Collura, Dirck Dillehay, Deb Mook, Christin Veeder, Wesley Coggins, Karen Lieber, Kendall Smith, Sharmyn Gipson, & Mike Huerkamp. Thank you to Ann Griffey and her WOODRUFF group for sending in timecards on Monday! Thanks to everyone who puts that extra effort in to recording their times accurately and neatly! Both are tremendously appreciated! Thanks Russell Neal

Kudos to Rashidat Ayantuji from Marsha Howard for continuing to find creative and innovative ways to enrich the primates in the Rollins' facility!

Kudos to Montrells Fowler from Marsha Howard for always going the extra miles to "get the job done" in cage wash at Rollins and always having a pleasant demeanor and wonderful smile while performing his duties!

Kudos to Roger Dixon from Marsha Howard for the great job he's doing at Crawford Long - keeping the facility in tip top shape and taking the extra time to bond with the animals!

Kudos to Erik Thurman from Ann Griffey for all your help.
THE FRONT OFFICE REPORT

How well do you know your office staff? Did you know that we are all (except one) transplants from other states? Take this trivia quiz and test your "Office" knowledge.

1. Guess who is from Alabama, Arkansas, Indiana, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Virginia and Wisconsin?
2. Who is the only home-grown Atlantian among us?
3. Who are members of the office even though you may find them all around campus?
4. Who has traveled to the most foreign locations?
5. Who would like to be a cake decorator some day?
6. Who was once a school teacher?
7. Who loves Brett Favre?
8. Who puts the most miles on their car weekly?
9. Who coaches in their spare time?
10. Who is the poet among us? The singer? The artist?
11. Who once ran The Golden Corral Restaurant?
12. Who once wanted to be a veterinarian?
13. Who is a former elephant handler?
14. Who is a dance choreographer?
15. Whose son is a resident of Japan?
16. Who is a muscle-car fanatic?
17. Who is a magnet for strange experiences?
18. Who was raised on a farm? Who else?
19. Who was almost arrested for terrorism?
20. Who could be a member of CSI?
21. Who is the "Rapunzel" of the office?
22. Who are the preacher's kids among us?
23. Who is a romance-write wanna-be?
24. How many kids do we have among us?
25. How many pets do we have collectively?

ANSWERS:

Gary 20, Alyssa 21, Lynne (how long is her hair?) 22, Darnelle and Lynne 23, Michelle 24, 13, 25, 25.
My "Extra Important" AALAS experience

by Casey Brinsfield

My AALAS experience began at 4am, October 26th, 2006 when my alarm went off to remind me that I had intentions of catching the first flight out to Utah. However, I got myself together at 8am for my first AALAS trip in my 6 years of lab animal medicine work. I could not help but feel extra important; it was my first paid business trip! But when two security guards at the airport threatened to hold me back for apparently “stealing” my Raspberry Mocha Kiss coffee through security, I had to rethink my “extra” importance. Eventually, I gave up my wonderful, expensive, self-paid coffee, put my shoes back on, and settled for a medium regular coffee, without even the basic addition of whipped cream.

Once I found my travel mates, Dr. Karen Strait and Dr. Denysse Levesque, we boarded the plane. My MPH Emory T-shirt was quickly noticed by my row mate on the plane, who identified himself as the founder of the Emory MPH program. And there went my importance again, especially when he corrected my grammar the entire four hours of flight time. But I will admit, it was fascinating to hear about Don McCormick’s life history, especially the retired life he led now. He was headed to the beach with his wife, for a two-week luxury trip. That is an important man.

We landed north of the Great Salt Lake, which prompted lots of questions in my mind. Are there living creatures in this lake? Would people float in the lake? Is it saltier than the Dead Sea? Questions no one could answer, not even Don McCormick. Surrounding us was the Wasatch Mountain Range, a beautiful site from air and ground, although my pictures were mistaken for pictures of Stone Mountain by my boyfriend. I admit I am not a photographer, but pictures can not always capture the essence of the view. The mountains were enormous, covered with a layer of snow as far as the eye could see.

A nice fellow from Brazil took Karen, Denysse, and I to our hotels, and an equally nice fellow from Venezuela unloaded our bags. A woman from England checked us into our rooms, and a guy from Germany helped us get our luggage to our room. I thought to myself – “wow, what a multi-national city!” Immediately, Karen and I went to register at the conference, where we ran into Kim Benjamin and Isabella, who were enjoying the 25 degree “dry” cold weather. I had asked Dr. Doug Taylor what “dry” cold felt like before leaving Atlanta, and now I could witness it myself. It was sunny, and felt about 70, yet it was really in the 30’s, a feeling of “dry” cold. Although that is not the description I would give to the night time weather, which felt “very” cold, with temperatures in the low 30’s.

On Monday morning, the first day of AALAS talks, I was surprised to notice a handful of protesters outside of the conference center, wearing all black and covered with bandanas. It was rainy, but that didn’t stop these protesters, who were carrying posters of animal pictures around and sometimes threatening the AALAS visitors. The police became involved to quiet down the interaction since some of the AALAS attendees decided to speak back to the protesters. The event made the Salt Lake City daily newspaper on the last day of AALAS, which explained the target of the protests was primarily one person, the Huntsman Science director, who was actually out of the country.

Inside the conference hall was a large exhibit area for the vendors including a rock-climbing wall, a free coffee break area, and a cyber café section for those who needed internet access. The vendor area seemed to be the place for meeting with old colleagues and friends. I ran into my first lab animal boss, Doug Doherty, my second boss, Dr. Skip Bohn, my third boss, Dr. Jim Else, as well as some previous acquaintances including Dr. Tate from CDC and a bunch of the previous DAR residents including Laura, Gasha, and Faun.

The talks were very informative. I tended to lean toward talks on toxicology, anesthesiology, and primates, and I learned new stuff in each of the areas. The workshop I attended was a bit chaotic though. It was a hands-on for anesthesiology machines, yet the machines did not work properly, there was not enough tubing for all three machines on exhibit, and a small leak of IsoFlurane made me anxious enough to seek clean air. I realized that not everything runs exactly as expected, and sometimes an element of surprise is needed to wake people up at 7:30 am. Yet, anesthetic gases are probably not the best thing to use.

The remainder of the trip was spent eating, visiting the Temple Square, watching the Mormon Tabernacle Choir perform, visiting the University of Utah, eating some more, and taking a cab to an area similar to Little Five Points to do some shopping. On the last day of AALAS, I bid Salt Lake City a silent farewell as I loaded into the foreigner’s cab along with Karen and Doug. After security confiscated my “dangerous amorphous” yogurt, the three of us sat at the gate while the announcements indicated there was bad weather in Atlanta. However, a few calls to our loved ones in Atlanta proved the weather was sunny and hot, suggesting a possible no show at the flight control towers. That was our bet anyway. After a delay of two hours, we were off to Atlanta and my first paid business trip was complete. It is something when a persons’ employment creates a sense of importance, even beyond the daily duties. I look forward to feeling extra important again!
EMORY RESEARCH APPRECIATION DAY

Please make a note on your calendars to attend events surrounding our Research Appreciation Day on Wednesday, December 6. The theme for this event is "Transforming Health Through Discovery."

The purpose for this event is two-fold:

1. We are inviting government officials (local, state, and federal), business leaders, and many from the general community to educate them on the value of medical research to the health of our nation, state, and community. Each WHSC School, plus Yerkes, the Winship Cancer Institute, the Institute for Predictive Health, the Clinical Trials Office, and others will feature poster displays, booths, tables, etc. with information for our guests that day. We have confirmed that a number of national leaders in various components of the health sciences will be in attendance to offer their support for medical research.

2. We also want to take this opportunity to formally recognize the great work that our research faculty and their staffs do in the Woodruff Health Sciences Center. As part of this recognition, we will provide food throughout the day here in the WHSCAB Plaza, and we will provide commemorative t-shirts and others items that recognize the many contributions to health that come directly from Emory research.

We will end the day on December 6 with a Future Makers talk from Johns Hopkins President Dr. William Brody.

Most all of the activities will take place in the Woodruff Health Sciences Center Administration Building, beginning at 8 a.m. on December 6 and ending around 6 p.m. More detailed information will be provided to you in the coming weeks.

I hope you will be able to participate in the day's events on December 6.
Early Saturday morning of September 16, 2006, Kasie Moore and I boarded our plane to San Antonio, Texas for the 12th International Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care Symposium (IVECCS). We were the first attendees ever from DAR and were very excited to be attending. The symposium features programs on small animals, exotics, and equine medicine for veterinarians and technicians. "IVECCS is considered to be unsurpassed in CE quality and clinical relevance."

Upon arrival, we registered and got settled into our very nice hotel room. We explored the hotel as well as the San Antonio Riverwalk. We also began to plan which programs we would like to attend throughout the week. Everything was getting started early Sunday morning.

On Sunday, we attended the first of our programs. Throughout the week, Kasie and I went to programs like "Monitoring Potpourri: Pulse Oximetry and More!", "Capnography: What is The Evidence?", and "Injectable Anesthesia: Turning Off The Gas". These, as well as others, were very helpful in improving skills in anesthesia. At the end of the week, we each attended workshops. One of the workshops that I attended was "All About Anesthesia Machines: Troubleshooting Bootcamp". This was a wonderful workshop covering many issues we often face in anesthesia.

In addition to many great programs and workshops, we were able to attend a special session on the clinical care and recovery of Barbaro, the remarkable race horse who shattered his leg in this year's Preakness race.

In between programs and workshops, we toured the large exhibit hall. There were many vendors with new and improved products. It was interesting to see the new innovations in critical care veterinary medicine.

The meeting kept us very busy, but we found a few minutes of free time to tour San Antonio. We toured the Alamo and walked the Riverwalk, where we ate Mexican cuisine. I even found time to shop for some souvenirs.

On Thursday, we attended our last workshop and headed for home. Although we had a week of fun and learning, we were glad to be back in Atlanta. IVECCS was very informative and applicable to our days here at DAR. San Antonio was a great city and perfect to hold the International Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care Symposium.

DAR Holiday Party:
When/Time: December 15th/12pm
Where: DUC Harland Cinema
Invitations to Follow

Editors squak:
Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the Dispatch. Hope everyone has a Happy Holiday season.

Editor: Kasie Moore