New Web site brings opportunities, technology

Thanks to the hard work this summer of a knowledgeable Web developer and a tech-savvy veterinary student, visitors to the Frontier Web site can now gain a wealth of information in a variety of formats.

The Frontier program for the historical studies of border security, food security and trade policy is a part of Food Safety and Security at K-State: http://fss.k-state.edu. The program includes researchers from K-State and New Mexico State who work together to better understand complex issues related to the food system.

Dr. Justin Kastner, assistant professor of food safety and security, is the K-State coordinator of Frontier. He worked with CVM Web developer Steve Toburen to provide the Web site's content, including historical and current interdisciplinary aspects of food security, border security and trade policy. The multimedia Web site was built by Steve over the course of three months and was finished in August.

Ryan Bradburn, sophomore veterinary student, worked alongside Steve to bring podcasting and video capabilities to the site. The site features articles, audio, video and polls, as well as links to the Frontier iTunes Podcast.

“In today’s world of technology and life-on-the-go, the Frontier site puts concise and relevant information in a format that’s easy to access,” Ryan said. “Visitors can download audio and video files to listen to or view at their leisure. They can subscribe to a podcast and be informed when new updates are available. The site puts information in a format readily available for the public and other researchers.”

Steve and Ryan established a system for recording and publishing podcasts that allows Dr. Kastner to produce and post them on his own in just a few minutes. Dr. Kastner is able to record phone interviews, group conversations in the office and PowerPoint lectures and easily upload them to the Frontier site.

“The site is a valuable resource providing information on publications, commentaries and conference papers, as well as providing a teaching tool for Dr. Kastner,” Steve said. “As time goes on and new content is added, I believe the site will evolve to provide additional benefit to the college.”

Visitors can check out the Web site and subscribe to the podcast at: http://frontier.k-state.edu.
World Rabies Day recap

With the local events of World Rabies Day behind us, countries all over the world, including the United States, are still hosting events for the inaugural year. Sixty-two countries have participated in World Rabies Day promoting education and raising funds for the Rabies Alliance. In the United States, 27 veterinary colleges hosted events with Kansas State University leading the initiative. The local events were a big success!

Approximately $3,100 has been raised, and approximately 200 rabies titers have been received. Kids of all ages came to our local events and had a great time. Efforts are now under way for planning next year’s World Rabies Day. Rabies kills an average of 100 people a day. Through the World Rabies Day incentive, money has been raised and public awareness has been spread. Thousands of vaccines have been donated for a high mortality rate area. Our efforts along with 61 other countries are already making a difference. A big thank you goes out to everybody involved for making World Rabies Day a success.

CVM provides educational entertainment at state fair

The CVM and the Kansas Veterinary Medical Association sponsored the Birthing Center at the Kansas State Fair Sept. 7-16. Guests watched cows, chickens and sows give birth throughout the week. Children were able to pet the baby animals.

Fourth-year students assisted Dr. Mike Apley with the birthing of twin calves at the exhibit, pictured at left and below left (left to right) Ali Eitzmann, Stephanie Kessler, Dr. Mike Apley, Marty Moravec and Keith DeDonder. Melissa Haase, pictured below, holds a baby chick.
Russell Cain: soccer player, future veterinarian

Growing up, Russell Cain had two dreams for his future: to play professional soccer and to be a veterinarian. After several years of soccer success, Russell is now accomplishing the second part of his childhood dream as a first-year student at the CVM. Russell tells us his story:

When did you start playing soccer?
Age 6. I watched my older brother play and I just had to do it too.

How did you break into the professional soccer scene?
The owner of the Miami Breakers, a pro team, approached me at Florida International University, where I received a bachelor’s degree in religious studies. I officially turned pro after finishing my fourth year of college soccer.

What professional teams did you play for?
I spent two seasons after college with the Breakers. Next I played for the Miami Fusion. I played for the U.S. National Beach Team and then the Nashville Metros before retiring.

Tell us an interesting story from your travels.
When I traveled with the U.S. Beach Team to Sao Paolo, Brazil, we were mobbed like rock stars. The crowds would rush the bus and bang on the windows, asking for any gear that we had to give them. We finally made it to the stadium where we beat Italy 5-2. On the way back to the bus, we were swarmed again by fans. We gave them everything we had and made it back to our bus with only our underwear. It came out in the papers the next day: a picture of our team running to the bus in our undies.

What brought you to veterinary school?
My wife Jenny knew that I wanted to go to veterinary school and pushed me into pursuing it. I started taking prerequisite classes at night while working during the day. After about 2 ½ years, I applied; got the call from K-State, and the rest is history.

What are your goals for the future?
Ideally, I’d love to specialize in small animal surgery. I love veterinary medicine, but I love my family and want to be as much a part of their lives as possible. I’m thrilled to be here and pursue my immediate goal of becoming a doctor. Everything else will fall into place.
Alum donates rare books

Dr. Bill Lumb (CVM July 1943) donated three family heirlooms to Hale Library: a Geneva Bible dated 1599, a King James Bible dated 1682 and “Philadelphia Vocabulary” dated 1787. The Geneva Bible came over on the Mayflower and has been in Dr. Lumb’s family for centuries. The books are available for public viewing in Hale Library’s Special Collections. Here, Dr. Lumb is pictured with associate professor Roger Adams.

CVM News Ticker

Jose and Lisa Bras welcomed Jose Jr. on Aug. 18.

Jason and Wendy Grady welcomed Reese Elizabeth Grady on Aug. 29.

Dr. Vanessa Clark (CVM 2007) has joined Dr. Thomas Schermerhorn’s lab as a master’s student. Vanessa will study feline diabetes.

Amy Brusk received academic honors for the 2007 spring and summer semesters. Amy is working part time on her master’s degree in agribusiness and expects to graduate in May 2009.

Dr. Brad White spoke Aug. 28 at the Montgomery County Veterinary Association in Independence, Kan., on Veterinary Cooperatives.

Dr. James Carpenter was invited to present six hours of lectures at an International Conference on Zoological/Wildlife Medicine, Universidad CES, Medellin, Colombia, Sept. 6-8, 2007. Veterinarians from four South American countries attended.


Dr. Mike Apley presented a seminar on Sept. 24 to Bayer in Shawnee Mission, Kan. Drs. Coetzee and Gehring participated in a subsequent discussion titled “PharmCATS.”

Dr. Carla Carleton (CVM 1977) was named the 2007 Outstanding Woman Veterinarian of the Year by the Association for Women Veterinarians Foundation. The award recognizes special effort and achievement. Dr. Carleton is a board-certified equine theriogenologist and teaches at Michigan State University.

new arrivals

Bhupinder Bawa - DM/P
Mrinal K. Ghosh - DM/P
Brandy Gowdy - DM/P-VDL
James R. Hartigan - DM/P-VDL
Cathleen A. Hanlon - DM/P-VDL

recent departures

Davis Weinstein - DM/P-VDL
Kazihiro Nakaya - A&P

Place of birth: Asheville, North Carolina

Favorite place to shop: Big cities. I am not one who particularly likes to shop just for the fun of it.

If you could be any musical artist, who would it be? Bach. I would not want to be second best; I strive for the best in everything.

Biggest pet peeve: Rude people who gossip and disrespect people in their absence.

If you could meet any celebrity, who would it be? Anthony Hopkins. He seems down-to-earth and can play any role well.

Favorite way to relax: Constructive and creative outlets

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go? Sydney, Australia