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### CVM Alumni Fellow Dr. Guy Palmer visits campus

Dr. Guy H. Palmer, Pullman, Wash., is the 2011 Alumni Fellow for the K-State College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Palmer visited campus on Feb. 23 and 24 for a variety of activities and seminars. A banquet honoring all the university's Alumni Fellows was held at the Alumni Center on Feb. 24. At the banquet, the K-State Alumni Fellows program, sponsored by the Dean's Council, the President's Office and the Alumni Association, presented its Alumni Fellows awards to Dr. Palmer and the recipients from the other academic colleges.

Dr. Palmer graduated with his bachelor's degree summa cum laude in 1977 and his DVM in 1980, both from K-State. He received his doctorate in pathology from Washington State University in 1984. He is board-certified in anatomic pathology.

"I am truly honored and delighted to have the opportunity to return to campus as an Alumni Fellow," Dr. Palmer said. "I look forward to meeting with not only the faculty and students but also with the other Alumni Fellows — learning across disciplines is at the heart of a great university"

"Our college is very proud to welcome back Dr. Palmer as our Alumni Fellow this



Dr. Guy Palmer visited campus on Feb. 23. He gave a seminar titled "The Role of Veterinary Medicine in Global Health."

year," Dean Ralph Richardson said. "This is a wonderful opportunity for us to recognize Dr. Palmer's accomplishments in the research of diseases that affect animal and human health on a global scale."

As a researcher, Dr. Palmer had a goal to improve control of animal diseases with direct impact on human health and well-being. Within this focus, he currently leads collaborative disease research programs in sub-Saharan Africa and throughout Latin America as well as directing investigation into genetic change in microbial

pathogens and the risk for shifts in disease pattern and emergence.

With his research on animal disease and human public health, Dr. Palmer was elected into membership in the National Academy of Sciences and currently is a member of the Board on Global Health within the Institute of Medicine. He is also a member and serves on the board of directors of the Washington State Academy of Science. This organization provides expert scientific and engineering analysis to inform public policy-making. Dr. Palmer has received the Merck Award for Creativity, the Sahlin Award for Research, Scholarship and the Arts, and holds a Merit Award from the NIH. He is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. In 2009, Dr. Palmer was recognized by the K-State College of Veterinary Medicine with its Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Currently, Dr. Palmer is an adviser for the U.S. National Institute of Health, International Science Foundation and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

For more in-depth coverage, check out the online video version at: www.vet.k-state. edu/depts/development/lifelines/1103.htm

### Plum Island scientist highlights Phi Zeta Research Day

The annual Phi Zeta Research Day was held on March 1. The day featured various posters and presentations. There were different categories for the contest including: basic science research presentation, production animal, case report and clinical sciences research presentation. Scholarships and awards were also presented during Phi Zeta day. The keynote speaker of the Kenneth D. Olson Lectureship was Dr. Luis Rodriguez, research leader at the USDA/ARS Plum Island Animal Disease Center. See a full list of awards at: www.vet.k-state.edu/studentorgs/PhiZeta/2011/awards.htm.



Neena Kanwar, graduate student under Dr. H. Morgan Scott, explains her research poster on intervention strategies to control ceftiofur resistance in cattle.



Dr. Luis Rodriguez, research leader at the USDA/ARS Plum Island Animal Disease Center, explains how the new NBAF facility will help expand research opportunities beyond current capabilities.



Tim Carter, an anti-infective, parasiticide and anti-emetic representative for Pfizer Animal Health, presents Dr. Jürgen Richt, Regents Distinguished Professor, with the Pfizer Animal Health Award for Research Excellence.

## Author emphasizes power of the Human-Animal Bond



Dr. Kipp Van Camp, son of Dr. Robert Van Camp, DVM 1957, will be making a special trip to campus on April 16 to discuss the power of the human-animal bond and for a book signing. Dr. Kipp considered following in his father's footsteps of pursuing animal medicine but decided to go into people medicine instead. Even though Dr. Kipp went into people medicine, it does not mean that he

underestimates the power of the Human-Animal bond. This bond inspired him to write the story about his dog Allie in his book "Always Allie."

Dr. Kipp and his wife Tracy adopted their four legged daughter Chelsea Alexis, or better known as Allie, in 1991. The book shares the story of the loveable Allie and how she was treated as a member of the Van Camp family. They felt as if Allie provided the perfect parent training course to help them raise their two sons.

"For a type A person, I couldn't believe how this feisty little Bichon could shape my thinking," said Dr. Kipp. "When I was observant enough to study her behavior, I realized I could learn some valuable life lessons, like: take time to stop and smell the roses, or don't take yourself so seriously, or routines, consistency and structure are the keys to raising well adjusted children (and dogs) in a safe and healthy environment."

After enjoying Allie's unique personality for 17½ years, Dr. Kipp had to make the

difficult decision of putting Allie down. Dr. Kipp realized Allie was suffering and he considered the most important gift he could give her, was to let her go.

The day they put Allie down was the day Dr. Kipp started writing the story about his canine companion.

"The unique animal-human bond appeared more extensive than I understood," Dr. Kipp said. "Dogs sense our mood and respond accordingly, in their own way, to improve our current condition, whatever that might be. Pets enhance our lives in more ways than we truly comprehend. They love and accept us unconditionally. Status and position mean nothing to our dogs, and therefore we can completely be our uncensored self around our pets."

Dr. Kipp will be at K-State for the Human-Animal Bond Fair on April 16 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Mara Conference Center in Trotter Hall.

#### Faculty receive tenure and promotions



Front row (left to right): Dr. Mary Bagladi-Swanson, Dr. Susan Nelson, Dr. Shelie Laflin, Dr. Dick Hesse, Dr. Sanjeev Narayanan, Dr. Kyeong-Ok Chang, Dr. Pat Payne and Dr. Doug Powell. Back row: Dr. Bonnie Rush, Dr. Roger Fingland, Dr. M.M. Chengappa and Dean Ralph Richardson.

Several CVM faculty members received tenure and promotions on Feb. 25 at a meeting that followed the ice cream social for Graduate Student Research Week.

The following faculty were promoted to associate professor with tenure: Dr. Kyeong-Ok Chang, Dr. Sanjeev Narayanan and Dr. Patricia Payne. All of them work in the Department of Diagnostic Medicine and Pathobiology.

Faculty who were promoted to clinical associate professor are: Dr. Mary Bagladi-Swanson, Dr. Shelie Laflin and Dr. Susan Nelson. They all work in Clinical Sciences and the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital.

Faculty who were promoted to full professors were: Dr. Richard Hesse and Dr. Douglas Powell. Both work in diagnostic medicine and pathobiology.

# Check it out at the Library "Available Technology and Devices Pt. II" By Carol Elmore

In last month's column, I presented some scenarios featuring technology items we currently have available for check out from the Veterinary Medical Library (VML). I mentioned in the column we also had some items on order. We have now received or will soon receive these items. Here again are some ideas to consider for using the new technology.

You've been asked to give a lecture at a conference in southwestern Kansas. Possibly the conference organizers don't have an LCD projector for you to use in presenting your PowerPoint slides. The last time you tried to check one out from the VML, someone else had already checked it out. This time Gina Scott, our instruction coordinator, tells you that a new additional projector is available for check

out. She also suggests you try out one of the library's newest GPS systems, a NUVI by Garmin, to assist you in your travels. You find out it has bluetooth capability, which is compatible with your cell phone. Now you can talk hands-free and be guided to the conference location. You also decide to check out the new portable scanner Gina told you about because you always pick up lots of papers at conferences and frequently lose track of them. Now you'll be able to scan them into electronic files one evening while you're watching television and won't have to worry about losing or forgetting all those papers. The scanner is a plug and scan and compatible with your current laptop. Your conference trip has been made much more enjoyable by checking out

these new items.

You are an avid nature photographer and love to spend time outdoors observing wildlife and photographing animals that inhabit Kansas prairies. Your old camera is digital, but the close-up shots aren't quite what you'd like them to be. You come up to the VML to see if a better camera is available. Gina Scot tells you that the library now has a Nikon D3000 digital camera. One of your bird watching buddies has a similar camera and you know that the Nikon D3000 takes professional quality shots. The telephoto lens is much better than the zoom on your current camera. You also learn the library has a set of Yukon night vision digital binoculars that can be used to view the night birds that cross the prairie lands. Although the



Yukon can't take photographs, it can be used to observe locations where the birds congregate during evening hours. You can then be ready to set up the new Bushnell spotting scope with built in camera that the library has so that the birds can be photographed at first light when they leave their prairie spots. One of the many tripods including a new tabletop one can be checked out from the VML to stabilize the scope to prevent movement. Observing nature just got a lot easier thanks to the technology available for check out at the VML. Gina Scott (scott@vet. k-state.edu or 2-6307) is available to teach you how to use all the above devices and will check them out to you.



Family Information: I am married. I have three daughters and one step-daughter. Two of my girls live in Hawaii, and two of them live in Kansas.

Pets: Two pit bull mix dogs and six horses.

What are your spring break plans? To go to the Wisconsin Dells and stay at the Chula Vista Resort.

What is your favorite food to eat for breakfast? French toast.

When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grow up? A soldier.

If you could have a ticket to any concert, what would it be and why? Toby Keith because I love country music.

What was the last movie that you saw in theaters and what did you think of it? I saw "Alice in Wonderland." It was very enjoyable.

#### Students participate in Telefund



Students help raise money for student scholarships and programs at Telefund 2011. The CVM's Telefund sessions were held Feb. 13 and 15, and raised \$64,210 over the two-day campaign.

#### CVM NEWS TICKER

The KSU Foundation has announced the hiring of a new development officer for the College of Veterinary Medicine: **Joe Booe** (pronounced "boo").

Joe is a 2002 K-State alumnus with a bachelor's degree in education with an emphasis in biology and general science.

After teaching middle school science for five years, Joe began working in pharmaceutical sales and had



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Joe Booe, development officer.

a successful career as a professional sales representative with Merck and Company in Hays, Kan., and most recently as a sales consultant with Novartis Pharmaceuticals in Wichita, Kan. He will be working in the Development Office in 103 Trotter Hall with the Director of Development Chris Gruber. Joe and his wife, Jenna, have two children: Carter, 5, and Lauren, 2.

Jenny Cain, anatomy and physiology administrative assistant, and Russell Cain, fourth-year student, welcomed son Aaron Turner on Feb. 21at 10:44 a.m. He was 6 pounds and 10 ounces at 19 inches long.

**Dr. William Fortney** was selected to be the editor for the geriatrics edition of the Veterinary Clinics of North America (small animal). The issue is scheduled to be released Summer 2012.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

March 27 - 28th Annual Frank W. Jordan Seminar\*
April 2 - 16th Annual Dog-N-Jog Race
April 8 - Kind Hearts Caring Hands Day/White Coat Ceremony
April 15 - K-State Spotlight on Intellectual Party

\*For more information on
Continuing Education Events, visit:
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