

Construction Around the College Ongoing



Left: Demolition is taking place for construction of the new ICU. This area was formally occupied by anesthesia, cardiology and exotics wards.

Inset: Work on the discharge area and emergency entrance has begun. They are being remodeled for more efficient utilization of space.

Construction around the college is well under way. There are several different areas that are being renovated. The dean's office, ICU, and the emergency/discharge area are being remodeled.

Construction on the dean's office is almost complete. The office has been remodeled to allow for better access to the storage closet. The rearranging of doorways and changing access to storage will allow more efficient utilization of space and increased security for college records.

The ICU is undergoing the largest renovation ever. It will take the space previously occupied by cardiology, anesthesia, and exotics. It will triple in size and for the first time, the isolation unit will be located next to the critical care unit. This will allow hospital staff and students to monitor patients in both areas through special barrier windows.

The overall design of the ICU will be open and organized with two entrances and a work station in the center. Near the workstation will be mobile treatment carts and

equipment.

The current ICU area will be renovated as well. It will be divided in half with endoscopy on one side and a new dental suite on the other. The current dental suite will become a surgical suite for exotics.

The other area of major construction is the revamping of the emergency room waiting room, front desk and discharge area. The window is being enlarged and the discharge area and waiting room are being remodeled.

Another project on the horizon is the renovation of

the entrance to the Practice Management Center (PMC) and library in Trotter Hall. The PMC will have enhanced projection equipment and be named the Mara Conference Center.

"I feel fortunate that the people who planned our facilities had such vision and foresight to allow us to modify and continue to meet the needs of our students, faculty, staff and clients," said Dean Ralph Richardson. "The buildings are now 30 years old, yet still very functional and accommodating to change."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb. 2** Advanced Distinguished Lecturer Seminar Series: Dr. Peter J. Timoney
- Feb. 12-13** Telefund 2006

- Feb. 19-23** Western Veterinary Conference - Las Vegas
- Feb. 26** CE Conference - SCHAAVA Small Animal Medical Conference on Oncology



Researchers Receive Grant for Greyhound Research

Dr. Bill Fortney, veterinarian and assistant professor of diagnostic medicine and pathobiology, has received a \$104,000 grant to research an unidentified disease in racing greyhounds. Assisting Dr. Fortney are Dr. Sanjay Kapil, associate professor of clinical virology, Dr. M.M. Chengappa, head of DM/P, and Dr. Richard Oberst, associate professor of DM/P.

The illness they are researching resembles the canine flu that is spreading across the nation. This disease, which some have referred to as "kennel cough," has been afflicting racing greyhounds in Kansas and across the country, and resulting in the death of some dog, quarantined facilities and lost revenue.

"There are a number of theories about what is going

on," Dr. Fortney said. "The primary focus is on the new dog flu virus, which may be a mutation of the equine influenza virus. Unfortunately, as with many of the laboratories

around the country, we have come up with nothing; it looks like it is something new. Obviously, they're sick, but we can't find that inciting agent that's causing it. A few laboratories have reported finding a canine influenza virus as a possible cause."

Generally speaking, kennel cough is not a fatal disease unless the infected animals have a compromised immune system, such as in some older animals or with very young animals.

Dr. Fortney said the inability to find the cause of the disease has made it clear that researchers need to upgrade diagnostic capabilities to adequately study it.

"Instead of just picking one disease and focusing our efforts there, we're going to look at a lot of different possibilities," Dr.

Fortney said. "It's sort of a team approach, so when there is an outbreak of respiratory disease

the team will be up and ready to go. We'll have the newer and improved diagnostic capabilities, so we're hopeful we can get this figured out."

Dr. Fortney said an outbreak can cause a tremendous economic impact on the industry and community.

He said the Woodlands race track in Wyandotte County had an outbreak this spring. The dog at the track were quarantined and the track was closed, but later reopened with full racing. There also have been isolated outbreaks in greyhound farms around the area. Kansas has not had any reported outbreaks of the disease in several months.

"It's going to take a while to develop the new diagnostic tests," Dr. Fortney said. "We're already moving forward and we're working as hard as we can. We aren't the only group trying to figure this new disease out. There are several other colleges of veterinary medicine and state diagnostic labs that are looking at the problem. It is hoped we can share our expertise and collaborate our findings."



Dr. Bill Fortney

Pharmacist Named Hospital Administrator

The first pharmacist to work at the VMTH Dispensary has now become the first hospital administrator.

Shirley Arck will direct the non-academic aspects of the VMTH. She will be in charge of the hospital staff, coordinate and manage a budget, oversee medical record administration and patient care services.

Arck came to the CVM in 1999 as the first pharmacist to practice in the VMTH dispensary.

She moved to Manhattan with her husband in 1981 and was always interested in

how a pharmacist could contribute to the veterinary health care team.

"When I was in pharmacy school, a friend received medication for her dog in a small paper envelope, I remember wondering if I could help teach future veterinarians the best way to label and dispense medications," Arck said.

Now, after almost seven years as a pharmacist here, Arck has been chosen as the hospital administrator.

She will work with the hospital staff and will report to Dr. Roger Fingland, hospital director.

"There is so much activity in the hospital now that a position like this will be a great help to manage all the work," Arck said.

She says she is looking forward to her new position because she enjoys working with people and she likes a challenging job.

"I had achieved my goals in the pharmacy and was exploring my options when this position opened," Arck said.

"I am looking forward to working with everyone and continuing to make the CVM and the VMTH the best that they can be," Arck said.



Shirley Arck, Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital administrator



By Carol Elmore

This is a new column about people, places, and things in the Veterinary Medical Library (VML). The VML has lots of equipment items for you to check out to help make life easier and a whole lot more fun. So, this month I'm talking about a new "thing" in the library:

Check it Out at the Library

our PENTAX OptioWP Digital Camera.

Have you ever wanted to take pictures under water? The OptioWP will let you take pictures continuously 1.5 m under water for 30 minutes. That means you can take pictures while snorkeling. You can take pictures at the pool, river, or lake and during other outdoor activities without worrying about damaging the camera. Because of its waterproof

capabilities, you can just give it a wipe with a wet cloth and be ready to take more pictures.

Rainy days won't interfere with your picture taking with this camera. You can even add sound voice memos to still pictures or record the cheers at exciting sports events. You can add decorative frames to your photos and edit them without a computer.

For those who would like

additional instruction on use of this camera contact Gina Scott in the Digital Information Services Center (DISC) at the VML. Call Gina at 532-6006 and schedule an appointment or just drop in to check out the PENTAX OptioWP Digital Camera.



PENTAX OptioWP Digital Camera

Senior Director of Development Accepts Job at Foundation



Tim Chapman

Senior Director of Development Tim Chapman is leaving the CVM but is not leaving Kansas State University. Chapman has taken a position at the KSU Foundation as Senior Director of Principal Gifts.

He will be working with the top donors of the university and will be instrumental in the fundraising process. He will manage relationships with top-level donors by serving as prospect manager or working with other professional staff assigned to these donors.

Chapman has been with the CVM since 1999. The search to fill his position is under way. Chris Gruber will serve as interim director of development until a replacement is found.

"For the past six years it has been my privilege to work with the staff, administration, faculty and clinicians. It is through their dedication and friendship that my experiences here at the college were absolutely the best," Chapman said.

"I would like to thank all the alumni and friends I have met and had the opportunity to get close to. My new position at the KSU Foundation will enable me to continue to work with the College of Veterinary Medicine and with many of you on a personal level."

More Than 100 Enter CVM Dodgeball Tourney

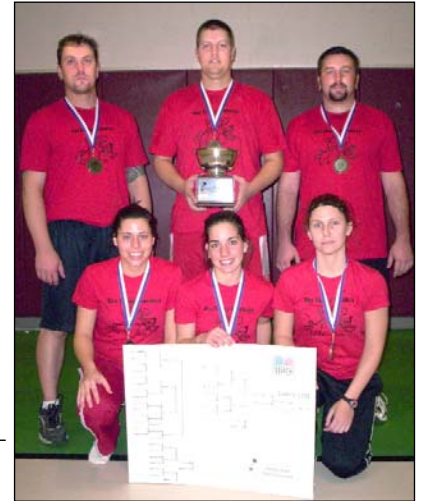
The second annual CVM Dodgeball tournament was held at the Peters Recreation Complex.

Thirteen teams were involved in this year's tournament, which was sponsored by Hill's Pet Nutrition. This was up from the eight teams that participated last year.

There were more than 100 students involved, approximately one quarter of the student body participated in the tournament. There were five freshman teams, six sophomore teams, one junior team and one senior team, so every class was represented for the second year in a row. "The Funky Monkeys," a team of sophomore students, was this year's winner.

The tournament is double elimination and is open to all involved with the College of Veterinary Medicine. Each team consisted of six to eight members.

"I think it is something that is continuing to grow and already involves a lot of people associated with the College of Veterinary Medicine," said sophomore Dustin Stabb, SCAVMA intramural chairperson.



"The Funky Monkeys"
Back Row: Jeramie Able, Jeff Korus, Nate Hopkins
Front Row: Jennifer Schiebe, Lisa Gerber, Nicole Jantz

Past and the Present



Large animal clinicians Drs. Brad White, Hans Coatzee and Mike Apley visit with emeritus professor Dr. John Noordsy at the CVM Christmas open house, Dec. 20. Dr. Noordsy was an instructor of large animal surgery and medicine at K-State for 30 years. He also served as interim dean in 1987.

CRWAD Award Winners



These graduate students won awards at the annual Conference of Research Workers in Animal Disease (CRWAD) in St. Louis, Mo., on Dec. 4-5. The winners are pictured with their major professor.

From left to right: **Vinita Chauhan**, Don Khan Award for Outstanding Overall Student Presentation, **Dr. Bob Rowland**; **Jill Bieker**, Outstanding Speaker in the Viral Pathogenesis section, **Dr. Richard Oberst**; **Lalitha Peddireddi**, ACVM Molecular Award for the best oral presentation, **Dr. Roman Ganta**; **Trent Fox**, Food and Environmental Safety provided by the Association of Veterinary Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine, **Dr. T.G. Nagaraja**; **Buthci Niranjan Babu**, Outstanding Paper in the Viral Pathogenesis section, **Dr. Shafiquil Chowdhury**; (Not Pictured) **Natalee Holt**, Outstanding Poster Presentation in the Gastroenteric Disease Section, **Travis Hagedorn**, **Don Robertson** and **Dr. Bruce Schultz**.

NEW ARRIVALS

Colleen Lubbers - VMTH
Sharon Greene - Development Office
Carol Craig - A&P
Michael Leser - DM/P
Jill Murray - VMTH
Roberta Robinson - Dean's Office
Ida Piperisova - DM/P
Dr. Ronette Gehring - VMTH

RECENT DEPARTURES

Dr. Carolyn Arnold - VMTH
Jose' A Cruz-Rivera - A&P
Anantha Gollapudi - DM/P
Miriam Burton - A&P
Heath Ritter - DM/P

CVM News Ticker

Drs. Mehrdad Ameri, Roberta Di Terlizzi, Jessica Green, Tanya Grondin, Binod Jacob, Derek Mosier, Steve Stockham, and Melinda Wilkerson of DM/P recently attended the joint meeting of the American College of Veterinary Pathologist (ACVP) and American Society for Veterinary Clinical Pathology (ASVCP) in Boston.

Dr. Roberta Di Terlizzi won the young investigator competition for the American Society of Veterinary Clinical Pathology section of the American College of Veterinary Pathology meeting in Boston, Mass.

Dr. Binod Jacob received a C.L. Davis DVM Foundation Student Scholarship Award at the joint meeting of the ACVP and ASVC in Boston, Mass.

Dr. Melinda Wilkerson was installed as an executive board member of the ASVCP at the joint meeting of the ACVP and ASVC in Boston, Mass.

Senior Student, **Dale Brown**, was awarded a scholarship from the American Association of Equine Practitioners/American Livestock Insurance Company.

Drs. Sanjay Kapil and Richard Oberst, DM/P, were sponsored by the Kansas State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory to attend the Foreign Animal Disease Diagnosticians course at Plum Island, N.Y.

Dr. Judy Klimek and husband, Jon, are the proud parents of a daughter, Kaylee Jean Klimek, born on Jan. 10.