

DENTAL OPERATORY CELEBRATES 10 YEARS

The Michael R. Floyd Dental Operatory Suite, constructed with private funds, was completed in September 1992, after school leaders Charles Hjerpe, Roy Bellhorn, Leigh West-Hyde and Donald Low worked for several years with alumnus Michael Floyd to establish first a clinical, then a full-fledged academic dentistry program.

The unique facility set a new standard for supporting instruction in veterinary dentistry, and after 10 years, remains a showcase of modern technology.

By 1994 the VMTH Dentistry and Oral Surgery Service was fully established in the dental operatory with both clinical and instructional programs led by Chief of Service Frank Verstraete. Cheryl Terpak, RDH, and Stacey Zindel, RVT, have been with the service since 1995 and 1997, respectively.

Up to 60 animals (including dogs, cats, horses and exotic animals) each month have their teeth examined and cleaned, receive treatment for periodontal or other dental diseases, or have oral surgery.

The dentistry service currently has two resident veterinarians, Celeste Guaraglia and Judith Yee, and three others have completed their residency training.

Dentistry is one of the most popular clinical rotations at the teaching hospital—about 95 percent of students in the companion animal track receive clinical instruction in dentistry. During the past decade, 750 veterinary students have taken lecture and laboratory courses in dentistry, and 334 4th-year students have been mentored during a minimum of two weeks in the clinical dentistry rotation.

Graduate students have completed the Master of Science (MS) degree in comparative pathology and the Master of Preventive Medicine (MPVM) degree through the dentistry service.

Research is an important component of university clinical and teaching programs. Twenty-six research publications and a book have originated from the Dentistry and Oral Surgery Service on topics ranging from feline odontoclastic resorption lesions to root canal treatment.

Kudos

Gary Carlson, professor in medicine and epidemiology, received the 2002 Carl J. Norden Distinguished Teacher Award, sponsored by Pfizer Animal Health, for his expertise and contributions to academic instruction and clinical teaching of equine medicine.

Alan Conley, associate professor in population health and reproduction, was selected as a 2002 Chancellor's Fellow for accomplishments and potential scientific contributions as an early-career faculty member. Dr. Conley's research in comparative reproduction focuses on the synthesis of androgens and estrogens in mammalian and other vertebrate species.

Murray Fowler, professor emeritus in medicine and epidemiology, received the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Animal Welfare Award last October for his lifelong devotion to zoo and exotic animals.

Kirsten Gilardi, coordinator of the Wildlife Health Center's Marine Ecosystem Health Program, and **Lisa Tell**, chief of the VMTH Avian and Exotic Medicine and Surgery Service, qualified last spring as diplomates of the American College of Zoological Medicine.

Craig Greene (DVM '73), faculty member in small animal medicine and medical microbiology at the University of Georgia, received the Student AVMA Teaching Excellence Award in 2002.

Steve Haskins, professor in surgical and radiological sciences, received the Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society's Ira M. Zaslow Distinguished Service Award, recognizing his role in making emergency care a veterinary specialty.

Irv Ingram (DVM '72), owner of All Creatures Animal Hospital in Scottsdale, received the Arizona Veterinary Medical Association's 2002 Veterinarian of the Year Award.

Peter Kennedy, professor emeritus in pathology, microbiology and immunology, received the Harold Casey Distinguished Service Award from the Charles Louis Davis Foundation in 2002 for sustained excellence in teaching veterinary pathology.

H. Kuntsi-Vaattovaara received the 2002 Pharmacia Veterinary Dental Award for the year's best research publication, "The success rate of root canal treatment in dogs," published in the AVMA journal. The paper is based on Dr. Kuntsi's residency research project.

Gerald Ling (DVM '65), professor in medicine and epidemiology, received the 2002 Faculty Teaching Award in recognition of his contributions to small animal medicine and his proficiency in teaching. He has contributed to revitalizing the professional curriculum, and has developed novel and engaging teaching tools including computerized case studies in urinary tract disease.

Mandi Lopez (DVM '93), assistant scientist in the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine's Comparative Orthopaedic Research Laboratory, has been accepted as a Fellow of the Morris Animal Foundation in recognition of her contributions to animal health.



James Moore

James Moore (DVM '74) gave the American Association of Equine Practitioners' Frank J. Milne State-of-the-Art Lecture in 2001 (photo), and was named Distinguished Research Professor by the

University of Georgia in 2002 for outstanding research and creative scholarly accomplishments in equine medicine.

Thirteen current and former students in Department of Pathology, Microbiology and Immunology programs became diplomates of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists in 2002: in anatomic pathology, Drs. **Dalen Agnew**, **Ali Brower**, **Melanie Greeley**, **Kevin Keel**, **Nancy Kock**, **Lisa LaFranco-Scheuch**, **Meg Ramos**, **Karen Terio**, **Stefan Tunev**, and **Jon Werner**; in clinical pathology, Drs. **Frederick (Tripp)**

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