

VCAPP RECAP

Keeping in touch with the Department of Veterinary and Comparative Anatomy, Pharmacology and Physiology
February 2003 (Fall-Spring Semester)

VCAPP: Ever growing, ever changing

Many new names have been added to VCAPP's roles in the past few months (some already have made a mark and feel like "old timers"). Because of the numbers, space does not allow for photos, but each person is a valued addition to our scientific family, and each of the following individuals is officially welcomed to the VCAPP family:

Tiffany Tran is a recent addition to the front office staff. Originally from Vietnam, Tiffany immigrated with her mother to the US when she was 11 years old. She will work timeslip in the main office and help Katie with mailing, copying and other needed chores for faculty and staff. She is a junior transfer student majoring in International Business at WSU.

Wei Wan has been working as a Research Associate with **Leslie Sprunger** since last May, so she has had time to acclimate to VCAPP.

Nick King also began working as a Research Associate with **Henk Granzier** last May. Originally from Renton, WA, Nick graduated from WSU last year with a B.S. in biophysics and chemistry. His wife, **Kimberly**, is still a WSU student. They have three dogs, and Nick says he has just taken up photography and is in the process of setting up a dark room in his home. He also enjoys bicycling when he has the time.

The Granzier lab has experienced a number of other additions and changes over the past several months: **Hideaki Fujita** accepted a

postdoctoral position with **Henk Granzier** in October, and one of his first assignments was to complete an American Heart Grant Proposal. Talk about jumping into the fire! He did an excellent job on his proposal and there are high hopes of success with that funding for his research endeavors. Hideaki (pronounced hee-dee-awk-ee), and wife recently added a baby boy to their little family. Son Ken is now just over 2 months old. Hobbies are out, he said, as all of his nonworking time is now spent caring for baby Ken (and loving it!) Hideaki also admits to enjoying travel and visiting new places.

Honghui Zhou is also working as a Research Associate with Henk.

Originally from China, **Honghui** started her new position just recently, but she has been in Pullman for about 2 years. Her husband, **Wei Wang**, works in WSU's Chemistry department. They have one ten-year-old son, **Charlie**, who attends school in Pullman.

Siegfried Labeit will be back May 1 working with Henk for the summer. **Michael Gotthardt** will also be here over part of the summer to overlap some time with Siegfried (Michael was also here in the Granzier lab during August 2002).

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I feel a "stabbing pain" in my brain research...



Undergraduates buckle to research pressure: Whitman College's best and brightest, **Mee Ja Sula** (left) competes with WSU's undergraduate neuroscience superstar, **Cassia Cearley** for access to real-time PCR machine. Both undergraduates planned to publish findings obtained last summer.

Ray (Wei-ran Wu) and **Lena (Ni Li)** left WSU in mid-June of 2002. They accepted positions at Oregon Health Science Center so that Ray could continue to advance his career. He said it was a very difficult decision because he enjoyed the lab he worked in here and specifically mentioned how nice and helpful the staff had been in helping them feel at home after arriving in the USA. The dimples of that darling baby daughter they added to their family while at WSU are especially missed.

Kathy Roellich, a former research associate with **Sue Ritter**, left VCAPP to attend Vet School in August. **Lois Sundling's** appointment with Sue was also completed last September. Sue subsequently hired **Scott Lacefield** as a Research Associate in September.

Bridget McKay joined VCAPP as a Research Associate with **Bob Ritter** last August. She is one of our undergraduate Neuroscience students who is seeking her second B.S. A graduate of Boston University, Bridget was just married (congratulations!) last summer.

Sabrina Khan also began working as a Research Associate with **Bob Ritter** September 9. Sabrina has a B.S. in Genetics and Cell Biology from WSU. She is originally from Kirkland, is single, and in her off-time hours, she enjoys spending time with friends.

Nii Ankrah began as a Research Associate with **Cathy Ulibarri** (once his visa documents were finally approved). He had been working as a timeslip in the Ulibarri lab prior to his official appointment. A 1999 graduate of WSU's Animal Science Program, Nii is originally from Ghana, West Africa. Nii and his wife, Sherry, have three children, Stephannie, age 9, Sidney, their son, age 7 and Ariel, age 5. When he finds any free time he enjoys jogging and watching movies. He also has a passion for reading Science Magazines. Good thing he chose that field!

Another very active lab, that of **Jim Krueger**, has also seen a number of recent changes. **Scott Nelson** has been working as a Research Assistant Professor in the **Krueger** lab since October. Originally from a small town in Illinois, Scott graduated from University of Illinois Wesleyan with a degree in Biology. He was transported to the Palouse by his wife, **Kathy Magnusson**, who accepted a position at the University of Idaho doing aging research in the Biology Department. Scott and Kathy have 2 cats and 2 dogs. Scott admits to a penchant for cooking and even provided some wonderful choc-o-laut delights for the Krueger lab (and the office staff) over the Christmas holidays. He instantly became a favorite of all!!

Ferenc Obal will be back in May to work with Jim. **Tadanobu Yasuda** will also be arriving in early March to cover **Hitoshi Yoshida's** Research Associate position (postdoctoral) in the Krueger laboratory. Hitoshi will soon be returning to Japan.

Travis Brown began his appointment in January as a research associate with **Bob Speth** after graduating from our own Neuroscience undergraduate program. Travis hopes to be accepted to graduate school this fall and is waiting to hear about his application. His wife, **Julie**, is also a WSU graduate in Human Development. He admits to loving basketball, and when asked how he got the black eye he was sporting in February, he smiled and replied, "basketball."

Ulrike Muller will be coming to VCAPP to work as a post doc with **David Lin** starting in May.

David Rector's lab has probably undergone the most building over the past few months, as Dave has been getting his research into full operation at VCAPP. Several new people have been added to the Rector research team:

Robert (Rob) Dansereau, Research Associate, who began in October, is originally from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. He earned a degree in Human Biology from Lewis Clark State College in Lewiston, Idaho, and from there worked for a time at UW prior to joining the Rector lab. Since he has been showing quarter horses for some time, Rob has developed a natural budding interest in breeding them as well.

Beth Perry was in the Rector lab for 3 weeks in October and November to complete thesis research.

Manuel Rojas arrived in mid-February to begin work as a Research Associate in the **Rector** lab. He has a veterinarian degree and spent the last 3 years at UCLA in the mentorship of Michael Chase. Manuel said that when he first arrived in Pullman from California "I was shocked!" It was so small, he said. He later ventured up to the campus and got a better impression. "It is a very pretty campus." Manuel is from Columbia. His wife remained in their homeland to complete her degree in Pharmacology and Chemistry. When asked what he does for fun, he said, "If you ask my wife, she would say 'nothing.'" But with coaching he admitted to liking his work on the computer and also enjoying mechanics. "A car is similar to medicine," he pointed out. "It has locomotor, circulatory and nervous systems, just as humans." The digestive system is the fuel injector, the

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Congratulations to . . .

- **Michelle Kibby**, Psychology, **Christine Portfors**, Biological Science, and **Maureen Schmitter-Edgecombe**, Psychology who have been approved for the Neuroscience graduate faculty.
- **David Rector** who has been appointed to both the Vet Science and Neuroscience Graduate Faculty. David is also working on a book and was out for a time in September to work on the project.
- **Christopher J. Sanchez** who successfully completed his Masters in the Neuroscience Program on Tuesday, April 30, 2002. His Masters thesis title was "Stress, Prefrontal Cortex and Cocaine-Seeking Behavior." Christopher's Masters committee chair is Dr. **Barb Sorg**.
- **Michael Waiter** who successfully completed his Ph.D. preliminary examination in the Neuroscience Program on Friday, November 15, 2002. His dissertation proposal title is "Lipolysis as a mechanism for leptin-induced reduction in food intake." Michael's major advisor is Dr. **Sue Ritter**.
- **Janice Siegford**, Program in Neuroscience, who will be defending her PhD on Feb 19. Her title is "Postnatal Plasticity in a Spinal Nucleus of Male Mongolian Gerbils in Response to Androgen." At the end of the month she will be heading to Michigan State University for a postdoctoral position in the animal welfare and behavior group with Dr.

Stars on Ice are gliding to perfection

VCAPP has some budding ice skating stars in our midst. Dr. **Sylvie Cloutier** said she loved skating as a youngster growing up in Canada. However, as her expertise grew, lessons became more and more expensive, and since her parents had more than one child, and since her coach decided to cut back in coaching, the lessons eventually came to a stop. Now, Sylvie says, she is enjoying the sport once again. She will be participating in an ice show (in Moscow) the end of March, along with **Barb Sorg** and Barb's daughter **Briana**. Barb, who is the co-president of the Moscow Ice Skating Club, is also enjoying this beautiful sport, more for fun than competition. We all know about **Lynn Churchill**'s roller skating talents, and now we have two other skating stars in the making. We all will be waiting to see how the event goes and hoping to get some photos!



Adroaldo Zanella. They will be examining the effects of early weaning of piglets on spatial learning and memory and the stress axis, particularly expression of glucocorticoid and mineralcorticoid receptors in the hippocampus. Janice's husband will be starting his PhD in the Fish and Wildlife Department there as well, so they are pretty excited about how everything has worked out so nicely. Janice says she will be sorry to leave the department and the college because everyone has always been so friendly and helpful, but she is excited about the new project as well.

• **Cesario Zamora**, **Gil Burns** and **Patricia Talcott** who were among the 2002 designated Newbrey Teaching Scholars.

Former VCAPP instructor, **Jane Wardrop** was also named to the distinction. The designation of "Newbrey Teaching Scholar" is awarded for excellence in teaching during the first 3 years of the veterinary curriculum.

• Undergrad Neuro students **Peter Zornes** and **Elizabeth Ferluga**, who have both applied to medical school. Elizabeth has been accepted at Univ. of Iowa and is waiting to hear from Duke and UW. Peter has applied at UW and is awaiting that decision.

Lucky Clover

The Pet-People Partnership recently had a contest to name their first-grade Mascot. The winning name, *Clover*, was suggested by **Jeanne Jensen** because "It just sounded lucky." The name and mascot will be used on the PPP website.

VCAPP Changing Faces (continued from page 2)

nervous system is the computerized electrical network and of course it consumes it's fuel to produce energy, just as we do. Manuel's creative observations should serve him well in his research.

Angela Yamauchi (from Los Alamos) will be working with David Rector for the next three weeks (during the last part of February and early March).

Irina Topchiy will also soon begin a postdoctoral

position in the Rector lab. She will be introduced in the next *Recap*.

Becky Morton suggests that VCAPP might plan an International Potluck gathering since we have people from Russia, Canada, Colombia, Japan, China, Germany and Hungary (to name just a few) all represented in our department. Not a bad idea!

Brain Awareness Day Slated

VCAPP and the Neuroscience Club will be intimately involved with *Brain Awareness Day* set to take place March 13 from 9:30 until noon in the Worthman Anatomy Museum.

Sixty 5th graders from the Moscow School District will be invited to participate in this annual event (guests rotate between WA and ID each year). This year, Dr. **Dave Rector** and the Neuro 430 class will be the primary presenters. Following an introduction by Assistant Undergraduate Director, **Sandi Brabb**, Dave will talk about the amazing brain, and then the guests will play a reflex game. While standing, students will break into 10 groups, to serve as judging groups for Neuro 430 student projects.

Each student group will first rotate through the faculty displays (and may also be encouraged to judge those). Faculty displays will include, among others, wet brains (**Mark DeSantis**), electronic eye (**Dave Rector**), pyramidal cell histology (**Manuel Rojas**), and rat maze (**Barb Sorg and Kathleen Carter**).

Following this activity, students will judge models created by Neuro 430 students. Groups will get 10 minutes to participate in the model and then 5 minutes to judge each one. Once the judging is complete, the children will gather for the awards ceremony, which will culminate Brain Awareness Day 2003.

Club Awarded \$400 for Neuroscience Speaker

The Neuro Club successfully applied to the ASWSU and Campus Involvement to receive \$400 in funding. They plan to use the award money to help defray costs of a campus-wide neuroscience speaker. The club is working with **Peter Kalivas**, former VCAPP faculty member, to see if he would like to give a campus-wide lecture on drugs and the brain. Peter is also an invited speaker at this semester's Seminar Series (Neuro 590). (See a complete listing of seminar speakers online at <http://www.vetmed.wsu.edu/depts-vcapp/VCAPPSeminarSeries.htm>)

World Class Face to Face Showcase March 28-29

World Class Face to Face is a campus-wide event that includes activities for visiting prospective students and their families and college advisory board members (alumni who help guide the various colleges. Each college has their own board). The CVM & Neuroscience program will be highlighted three times during the event: during the "Expo" department fair event in the morning (at Beasley) where Neuro will have a recruitment table, again at 11-noon and finally at 1-2 pm. These last two events will showcase talent within the college. **Sandra Bellinger** will have an anatomy demo and tour of the Worthman museum, **Dave Rector** will display "The Amazing Brain" (from the Brain Awareness lecture), and Dr. **Erik Stauber** has a presentation on Raptors. The CVM may also offer hospital tours.

Libby Honors School to visit Neuroscience "Camp"

Libby Honors School in Spokane will bring about 120 5th-8th grade students to WSU in May for a 3-day camp. The students are to attend classes hosted by the colleges. The CVM will be hosting our regular Cougar Quest Summer Camp program, which will include a repeat of some of the programs mentioned in the WSU Showcase: **Sandra Bellinger's** anatomy presentation - "Them Bones" and **Dave Rector's** "The Amazing Brain" presentation, while VMP will sponsor "A bugs life: Germs and Disease" and VTH will sponsor "Doctor for a Day."

Neuro Program Ambassadors:

Two Neuro Ambassadors gave Neuroscience presentations to high school groups over Christmas break. **Bridget McKay** presented a lecture on "memory" at Pullman High School's Anatomy and Physiology Class. According to Pullman Teacher, **Joe Thornton**, "Bridget did an absolutely fabulous job. She not only made the presentation interesting to the group, but she also handled the tangent that they pulled her off on. It was a great presentation. Thank you for setting it up."

Andy Seaman, Neuroscience junior, gave a presentation to the human anatomy class at his home high school in Anchorage, Alaska. Andy's talk centered on sleep.

Next up is **Jamie Anson**, Neuroscience junior, who will travel to his home high school in Yakima over spring break to give a presentation on vision.

Dave Rector (who teaches undergraduate neuroscience) also plugged the Neuro program with his "Amazing Brain" presentation February 13 to students at the "Up All Night" program at the CUB.

Smiles :)

Bea O'Neill was busy putting the final touches on course notes for the Spring Semester when **Ken Meyers** came in to give her his final edits. Bea asked Ken how many instructor copies he would need.

"Just two." He Said. "One for me, and a second one for when I lose the first one."

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A 5th grade teacher was giving basic anatomy lessons to her class. Her first written quiz asked the youngsters, "How are the main parts of the body categorized (e.g., abdomen)? One scholar submitted the following answer: "The body is consisted into three parts, the brainium, the borax and the abdominal cavity. The brainium contains the brain, the borax contains the heart and lungs, and the abdominal cavity contains the five bowels, A, E, I, O and U."

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Jeanne Jensen's 3-year-old granddaughter, Bridget, was busily coloring with her new Christmas crayons when her daddy asked her what she was drawing. "Nothing" she said. "I'm writing a story." Then with all sincerity she handed him the art and asked, "Daddy, will you read it to me?"

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This same child, who loves music, seemed to hate the old 1960's hit, "Shake it Up Baby, Twist and Shout" when I had it on, and plugged her ears to avoid hearing me sing it. Since Gramma Jensen is a big "oldies" music fan, I asked Bridget why she hated it so much. Was it my singing? With the know-it-all attitude only a 3-year-old can display, she matter of factually stated, "Gramma, I do not appreciate (yes, she used the word appreciate) *any* shaking baby songs!"

Collaboration, cooperation may be a key to funding

Grant proposal ideas are always somewhere lurking in the minds of successful research faculty. Each successful research program requires grant funding, and as such, thoughts of writing a new or renewal grant are never far from the conscious level. Because project successes are usually married to grant funding, it is important to find every possible way to turn exciting ideas into project funding. The steady erosion of WSU's state funding base means that the stimulation and excitement of research and graduate education in the VCAPP department will increasingly depend on grant success.

The growing trend for interdisciplinary research and collaboration is a natural outgrowth of the increasing complexity of biological research questions, and it is also partly a consequence of the increased dependence on extramural funding. Not only are good collaborations intellectually stimulating and enriching, they are a way to share the burden of obtaining grant funding across a larger group—whether they are at the level of multiple collaborative "individual" grants (e.g., R01) or at the level of a Program Project Grant.

Grants provide the lifeblood of many research labs, and as such, new methods to obtain or retain precious research dollars are always being explored.

VCAPP's first PPG in many years, under the direction of **Jim Krueger**, was completed and submitted to the NIH in January. Involving projects led by Jim, **Steve Simasko** and **Dave Rector**, and a project-sized mathematical modeling core led by **Mano Manoranjan** (from the Dept. of Mathematics) and **Ken Campbell**, this PPG is both collaborative and interdisciplinary. The department and PPG project leaders were able to take advantage of this interdisciplinary collaboration to garner approximately \$40,000 in intramural "seed money."

This seed money came from the Vice Provost for Research's *Catalyzing the Future* program which will be an ongoing program designed to foster such large interdisciplinary collaborations. A larger intramural, *Collaborative Investments in the Future*, was recently announced. The second program will provide competitive internal funding in the range of \$100,000 to \$190,000 per year for five years, depending on the mix of graduate program enhancement added to a core of large-scale collaborative research.

Another project, to be submitted to the NSF, is being explored to further encourage the collaboration between WSU's Colleges of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine and the University of Tokyo's College of Agriculture. The NSF grant would fund a symposium wherein there would be an exchange of scientific ideas and practices. The

University of Tokyo's Veterinary School has about 120 graduate student who could possibly fit some of VCAPP's postdoctoral needs if such a partnership were to be nurtured.

In the past few years, the pattern of VCAPP's science has been increasingly collaborative and more interdisciplinary. Although the individual research grant remains, and will remain, a key component of our overall research success, the scope of collaborative activity among VCAPP faculty and between VCAPP faculty and faculty in other departments is impressive, and one reason we continue to be the best-funded group, per faculty, of any department on campus.

In addition to the PPG collaborations noted above, major collaborations in no particular order, and with apologies to anyone that may have been missed, are noted as a sidebar (right). We are sure there are others! Many of these collaborations have already obtained funding and are poised to grow more extensive; many are beginning to seek funding, and some are just plain ol' working together to help one another out (which may or may not lead to a funded project). Consciously continuing on this self-selected path and fostering the development of such collaborations within the context of our strategic plan will be fundamental to VCAPP's vitality as a scholarly unit.

As a side note:

Applications for Poncin awards (for graduate students) are once again due, and the department is encouraging all of our students to apply for the award. It is a good source for funds to enable graduate students to complete important research projects. **Briedi Treece** received a Poncin scholarship last year, and other students are highly encouraged to pursue one for this year. The applications are due May 1.

Current Collaborations:

Krueger-Simasko
Harding-Simasko
Harding-Sorg
Krueger-Speth
Speth-Wright
Harding-Wright
Sorg-Jansen
Sorg-Schenk (Chem.)
Ulibarri-Craft (Psych.)
Ulibarri-Newberry
Burns-R. Ritter
Simasko-R. Ritter
Speth-Ritters
Varnum-Harding
Sprunger-Campbell
Sprunger-Schneider
Chandra-Campbell
Campbell-Slinker
Harding-Slinker
Granzier-Campbell
Granzier-Gotthardt
Granzier-Labeit (Germany)
Krueger-Maidje (ONR)
Krueger-Obal (Hungary)
Churchill-Krueger
Churchill-Sorg
Rector-LaRue (EE/CS)
Speth-Sandberg
(Georgetown)
Lin-Robbins (SBS)-Nelson
(VCS)
Vasavada-Siegmund (UBC)
Harding-Hosick (SMB)
Harding-B. Campbell (VCS)
Granzier-Nelson (VCS)
Schneider-R. Sellon (VCS)
Granzier-LeWinter (UVM)
Granzier-Irving (Chicago)



Patrick Wilson recently visited the Boston area where he was a guest in the classroom of Miss **Jennifer Zivan**'s classroom at North Shore Christian School. Here Patrick shares some of the anatomy specimens with curious children.

Doc Wilson Wows 3rd graders

As a part of a recent visit to the Boston Area, **Patrick Wilson** agreed to conduct a science session for area children. Miss **Jennifer Zivan** wrote the following note to her 3rd grade students in anticipation of Patrick's science lesson:

Welcome to the New Year 2003! Wow! We are starting out the new year with a scientific bang! We have a special visiting expert to help with our study of animals. Dr. Wilson is a professor of veterinary anatomy. He will be visiting today and Tuesday doing actual scientific observations with the third graders in the class science center. Dr. Wilson brings with him animal anatomy (bone) specimens used to teach veterinary students. Third grad-

ers will observe, record, hypothesize, and investigate these specimens with a focus on the teeth. Students will see differences between herbivores, carnivores and omnivores and conclude the animal origin of these bone specimens. We are excited about this great opportunity with an expert in the area of our scientific study on animals.



Editor's Corner

Many writers are confused about when (and where) to place quotation marks around words that aren't part of a quotation. The best rule of thumb is to place quotation marks to set off unfamiliar words being introduced to the reader or words that are being defined. Also, a writer can place quotes around words used in a special sense (such as with irony). For Example: We were really "happy" to pay our taxes on April 15.

Some textbooks will suggest using italics instead of quotes for this purpose. The best rule of thumb is to choose a style and remain consistent.

According to the *Chicago Manual of Style* (which is usually the preferred authority for scientific writing), periods should be placed **inside** quotation marks except when the marks are used (as above) to set off a special term. When the context calls for a comma at the end of material enclosed in quotation marks, parentheses, or brackets, the comma should be placed **inside** the quotation marks but **outside** the parentheses or brackets. Examples: You should review Joe Harding's comments on "Angiotensin IV," which may help you better understand his research. VCAPP is excited about its growth, (while somewhat concerned), but they hope to find space for all new faculty members.

Why English is tough

We must polish the Polish furniture;

We must get the lead out if we want to lead;

On the farm we produce produce.

The dump site was so full it had to refuse our refuse;

The soldier decided to desert in the desert. . .

And we wonder why we have trouble with our vocabularies!

What's up?

Annual reviews of faculty are now in progress. These reviews need to be completed by April 7. Be sure to get information to **Bea O'Neill** to provide to **Bryan**. Many of these review sessions will take place over spring break when teaching is not an obligation.

Dates to note

- Brain Awareness Day is set for March 13 from 9:30 until noon (see related story on page 4)
- Cougar Pride day Mar 26-April 6 (main is April 1)
- Mom's Weekend takes place April 11-13 on the Washington State University Campus.

College of Veterinary Medicine Committee List (VCAPP Members)

2002-2003 (Term—July 1 – June 30)

ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE (3-yr term)

Trish Talcott 2003
Ken Meyers 2003
Gil Burns, Ex Officio

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE (3-yr. term)

*Steve Simasko 2003
Marc Ratzlaff 2005
Gil Burns, Ex Officio

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

ADVISORY COMMITTEE (3-yr. term)

*Robert Kirkpatrick 2004
David Lin 2005

ANIMAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE (3-yr term)

Ruth Newberry 2005

LIBRARY COMMITTEE (3-yr. term)

Bob Speth 2005

CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE (4-yr. term)

Marc Ratzlaff 2003
Gil Burns, Ex Officio

FACULTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (3-yr. term)

(Must be a tenured-faculty member.)

Ken Campbell 2005
*Ken Meyers 2004

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE (made up of

dept./unit safety committee chairs

Sandra Bellinger VCAPP

RESEARCH COMMITTEE (3-yr. term)

Henk Granzier 2005
Jim Krueger 2003

RESEARCH SCHOLARS STEERING COMMITTEE 4-yr. term)

Ken Campbell 2005
Bob Ritter 2005

DEAN'S STAFF ADVISORY COMMITTEE (2-yr. term)

Margaret Gottschalk 2003
Tiffany Bailie 2004

SCHOLARSHIPS, LOANS, & AWARDS (3-yr. term)

Leslie Sprunger 2005
Gil Burns, Assoc. Dean Academic Affairs

T & P ADVISORY COMMITTEE (3-yr. term)

(Must be a full professor. Chairs not eligible to serve.)

Henk Granzier 2005
Ken Campbell 2004

*Gil Burns, Associate Dean of Students & Academic Affairs

*Committee Chair

Year is date term expires

Notes from Becky: Information to keep handy

There are often issues and policies that new (and sometimes established) individuals at VCAPP do not realize or understand. Below are a few common problems you may encounter and how to deal with them:

Faxing of Orders

Sometimes office staff is unable to fax orders because of a high work load and the unavailability of our student employees. If we are unable to fax your order without a delay, we'll email you or let you know when you drop the order off in the office. Please feel free to fax your own order if we are unable to do so.

Immigration Issues (Employees and Students)

There have been many changes in immigration. **Becky Morton** has been trying to stay apprised of them and notify those affected by changes as necessary.

If you move, please be sure to send your current address within 10 days (of moving) to INS. <http://www.ins.usdoj.gov/graphics/howdoi/address.htm> Please also inform Becky of your address change so that she can inform International Programs of the move.

If you plan to leave the United States for vacation or meetings, be sure to let Becky know so that we can see that you have the necessary documents with valid dates to travel. There have been increased security checks of our employees once they leave the US, so delays returning to the States are also possible. If you have immigration documents pending, you must realize that INS may see your leaving the country (for vacation or meetings) as voiding your petition, which would make it necessary to re-file. If you must renew your passport while in your home country, there may also be a longer delay than normal for your return (several weeks to several months depending on the situation and country).

Parking for University Business

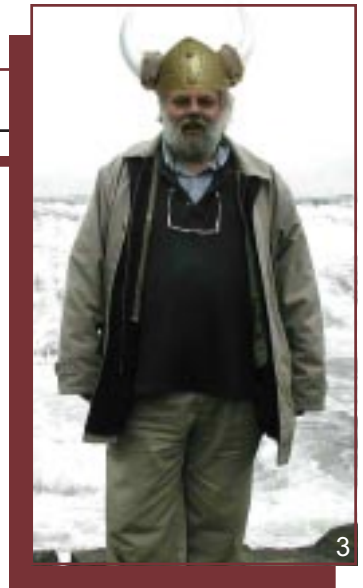
Please be sure your new employees are aware that if they are moving animals or supplies and need to park behind Wegner Hall or next to McCoy that certain permits are needed. **Margaret** has permits for temporary use that must be returned. Failure to have the necessary permit while unloading animals or other items may result in your getting a parking ticket.

Leave Reports

Monthly leave reports for employees should be turned in three business days after the beginning of each month.

The Iceland Cometh...

A number of Jim Krueger's research team attended a European sleep conference in Iceland last summer. Below is a pictorial review of some memories and experiences they had while guests in that country.



Photos include:

1. The WSU group: (front) Judy Krueger, Ping Taishi, Janos Gardi, Jeremy Alt, Mayumi Kimura, Zoltan Peterfi, (back) Jim Krueger, Ferenc Obal and Takeshi Kubota.
2. Jeremy Alt and Ping Taishi pose prior to one of the conference sessions.
3. Ferenc Obál looks the authentic Viking with his horned helmet (and reading glasses).
4. Jim and Judy Krueger
5. Dr. Obal's presentation
6. Zoltan (Zolie) Peterfi was featured speaker at the conference.
7. Dr. Krueger and Takeshi Kubota.
8. View of the city, Reykjavik.
9. Ferenc Obal and Judy Krueger enjoy the local cuisine and ambience.