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## *SVM Update – April 2007*

Welcome to the April 2007 edition of the LSU SVM's e-mail newsletter. In this issue, we'll talk about the new referral and client coordinators in the Veterinary Teaching Hospital, [awards given out at the annual faculty/grad student dinner](#), the [Gamma Sigma Delta Honor Roll](#), the [Hill's Great Rover Road Run](#), [giving to the SVM](#), and [upcoming events](#).

### *Veterinary Teaching Hospital Hires Coordinators to Handle Referrals and Scheduling*

To provide the latest, most advanced clinical services and excellent client care, the Veterinary Teaching Hospital has hired a referral coordinator in the Small Animal Clinic and a client care coordinator in the Equine Clinic. Kay Legleu, referral coordinator for the Small Animal Clinic, will handle the vast majority of communications with the hospital's referring veterinarians, including scheduling appointments, arranging consultations, and providing case updates. Leslie Talley, client care coordinator for the Equine Clinic, works with both referring veterinarians and clients to schedule appointments and arrange consultations. For more information about the new coordinators and other changes at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital, be sure to read the article the spring issue of *La Veterinaire*, which will be mailed later this month.



*To help improve service to clients and referring veterinarians, the Veterinary Teaching Hospital recently hired Kay Legleu (left), referral coordinator for the Small Animal Clinic, and Leslie Talley (right), client care coordinator for the Equine Clinic.*

### *Research Honors Awarded at Faculty/Graduate Student Dinner*

On March 21, faculty and graduate students gathered together to learn about the status of the School of Veterinary Medicine's research program. The Office of Research and Advanced Studies hosted a dinner for faculty and graduate students on March 21. Dr. Thomas Klei, associate dean for research and advanced studies, gave an overview of the School's research program, and Dr. Brooks Keel, vice chancellor for research and academic development, also addressed the group. Also at the dinner, the following research awards were bestowed:

**2006 SVM Distinguished Scholar Award – Dr. Shulin Li (CBS);**

**2007 Pfizer Award for Research Excellence – Dr. Kevin Macaluso (PBS);**



*Dr. Kevin Macaluso (left), assistant professor, accepts the Pfizer Award for Research Excellence from Drs. Thomas Klei (right) and Ronald Thune, head of the Department of Pathobiological Sciences.*

**2006 Distinguished Thesis Award – Ryan Bradbury Craig** for his thesis entitled, “Genetically Modified IFN-Alpha Gene Therapy for Treatment of Squamous Cell Carcinoma”; and

**2006 Distinguished Dissertation Award – Natha Booth** for her dissertation entitled, “The Role of Urease in the Pathogenesis of *Edwardsiella ictaluri*.”



*Dr. Shulin Li (left), associate professor, accepts the SVM Distinguished Scholar Award from Drs. Thomas Klei and Gary Wise (center), head of the Department of Comparative Biomedical Sciences.*

## *Faculty Selected to Gamma Sigma Delta Honor Roll*

Congratulations to **Drs. Dan Burba, Carol Foil, Marjorie Gill, Amy Grooters, Glenna Mauldin, Sandy Merchant and C.S. Vengupol** (all in VCS), who were selected to the **Gamma Sigma Delta 2007 Teacher Merit Honor Roll** for Veterinary Clinical Science (Gamma Sigma Delta is the honor society for agriculture). The awards program is scheduled for Thursday, April 19. They will also be recognized at the SVM awards banquet on Friday, May 4.

## *Hill's Great Rover Road Run*

Two hundred and fifteen people participated in the **Hill's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Rover Road Run** on March 24 at the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine. There were 81 runners in the 5k, and 134 people and their pets in the one mile fun run/walk. Once again, this year's major sponsor was Hill's Pet Nutrition.

Nick Accardo (age 24) was the best overall male runner in the 5K run with a time of 16:50, and Michelle Hymel (age 22) was the best overall female with a time of 19:01. The youngest runner in the 5K run was Alex Dunbar (age 8), who finished with a time of 35:14, and the oldest runner was Ken Blanchard (age 77), who finished with a time of 29:24.

In the one mile fun run/walk, Prada and her owner Richard Suter were the fastest overall with a time of 5:52. The award for Longest Tail was given to Bear (25 inches). His owner is Lee Lindsay. The Fastest Retriever award went to Maggie for a time of 7:32. Her owner is Lee Smith. Lily won the Best Dressed Award. Her owner is Beverly Shermer. The Best Nose award went to Zoe with a time of 2.5 seconds. Her owner is Elliot Rousse. Best Owner/Pet Look-Alike went to Otus and his owner Paul Stouffer. Best Trick was awarded to Fletcher, owned by Laura Lindsay. Smallest Pet went to Miquel (5 lbs.), a Chihuahua owned by Jesse Simon; and Largest Pet went to Chaser (172 lbs.), a Great Dane owned by Jennifer Bell. The Youngest Pet award went to Sake (4 months), a Shih Tzu owned by James Dillard; and the Oldest Pet award went to Otus (14 years), a Golden Retriever Mix, owned by Paul Stouffer.

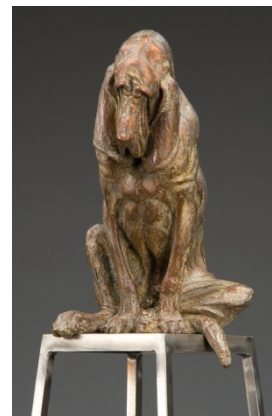
Proceeds benefited the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association. The mission of the Hill's Great Rover Road Run is to spread awareness about the importance of proper nutrition and exercise for animals and the negative side effects of animal obesity. Puppies minus pounds are better!



*One hundred and thirty-four people and their pets participated in the one mile fun run/walk.*

## *SVM Hosts 20<sup>th</sup> International Exhibition on Animals in Art*

The LSU School of Veterinary Medicine opened its 20<sup>th</sup> International Exhibition on Animals in Art on Saturday, March 24. Dr. Peter F. Haynes, interim dean of the



*"Lonely at the Top," a bronze and steel sculpture by Louise Peterson, won the 2007 Best of Show Award.*

School of Veterinary Medicine, and members of the SVM Art Show Committee welcomed more than 100 guests into the Veterinary Medicine Library for a first look at the exhibition. Two hundred and two artists from 37 states submitted 504 entries for the show. Seventy-two pieces are featured in the exhibition, which continues through April 22 in the Veterinary Medicine Library. ***For a list of all the award winners, click [here](#). If you cannot attend the exhibition in person, the entire show will be available on-line in April at <http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu/library/artexh/>.***

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## ***Upcoming Events***

March 25-April 22 - [20th International Exhibition on Animals in Art](#), SVM Library  
April 13 – Pharmacy Day  
April 30 – Louisiana State Legislative Session begins  
May 4 – Awards & Honors Banquet, LSU Union Cotillion Ballroom  
May 11 – Semester ends

***For information on these and other events, please go to the School's website at [www.vetmed.lsu.edu](http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu).***

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