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JON ROU

Reaching new heights

Construction workers at the site of the new psychology building reach for the sky, as they prepare to begin their work on changing the skyline of the campus. Holder Construction’s site safety manager Daniel Alers (in green shirt) leads the workers each morning in calisthenics. Holder began the stretching program after national statistics showed increasing reports of strained muscles among construction workers. “There is evidence that this program does work in reducing injuries,” says Ginda Young, safety coordinator for Emory’s Owner Controlled Insurance Program, adding that the University is considering incorporating stretching routines into all of its construction projects. For a full report on the many building projects on campus, see **Construction Update on pages 4 & 5.**

Emory.edu launches new look

By KIM URQUHART

Joining the new faces on campus this fall is a fresh look for the University’s virtual front door. A redesigned home page, www.emory.edu, launches this month with more features than ever before.

Vice President of Communications and Marketing Ron Sauder says the makeover was designed with a twofold goal: to represent Emory better both externally and internally.

“It’s both an outward facing portal designed to promote Emory to the world, and a very utilitarian working site for the Emory community,” Sauder says. “It is Emory’s calling card from here to Beijing.”

The new site replaces the University’s former navigation-based and topically organized home page, created in 2005. “What’s transformational about this Web site is that it’s much more feature-rich and information-dense,” says Executive Web Producer John Mills.

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Emory is No. 18 in U.S. News

By ELAINE JUSTICE

For the 16th consecutive year, Emory is among the top 20 national universities in U.S. News & World Report’s annual “America’s Best Colleges” quality rankings. Emory’s Goizueta Business School was 13th in the rankings of undergraduate business programs.

“While rankings are one way of evaluating institutional success, the true measure of a university is revealed in the work of its faculty, staff and students,” says Provost Earl Lewis. “Emory is committed to combining its strengths and resources to make a lasting impact on the Atlanta community, higher education and the world.”

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Dynamic Class of 2012 hits campus

By BEVERLY CLARK

Emory College welcomes a highly selective and diverse freshman class to campus this fall. The Class of 2012 — 1,299 in all — was chosen from a record 17,466 applications, up 8.8 percent from last year’s pool.

The Class of 2012 hails from 47 states and beyond, with

9.7 percent of the students representing 25 different countries. Almost two-fifths of the class hail from a Southern state, with about a quarter from the Mid-Atlantic region and the rest spread among the West, Southwest, Midwest and New England. Georgia enrollees make up 19.6 percent of the class.

Oxford College also saw a record number of applicants, resulting in its most selective class ever. Oxford expects about 400 first-year students from a record 3,807 applicants (up 69 percent from 2007). The Oxford class hails from 36 different states and 11 countries.

The College class includes another consecutive year of

record minority enrollment. Students of color represent nearly 43 percent of the class (up from 41 percent last year), including Asian Americans (30.6 percent), African Americans (8.7 percent) and Hispanics (3.5 percent), along with 11.8 percent not reported or unknown.

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EMORY PROFILE: NANETTE WENGER



Nanette Wenger is chief of cardiology at Grady Memorial Hospital and professor of medicine.

JACK KEARSE

Love affair with the heart

Cardiology chief is pioneer in profession and specialty

By SHERRY BAKER

Nanette Kass Wenger was one of only 10 women out of a class of 120 when she received her degree from Harvard Medical School in 1954. Women had a 10-year probationary period at Harvard that ended when her class graduated, and women at last were incorporated into the university charter.

But it never occurred to the high-spirited young New Yorker, a ballet-dancing, museum-loving daughter of Russian immigrants, that medical school, or being a woman in medicine, might be a problem.

"And it wasn't. Trailblazing was exciting, and I was fortunate to have spectacular male mentors," says the chief of cardiology at Grady Memorial Hospital. "I thoroughly enjoyed medical school. Coming into the clinics and applying to patients what we learned in the lecture halls was challenging, and we learned so much."

As a new faculty member in the Department of Medicine in 1959, Wenger was one of the country's rarities — a "lady doctor" and one of only a handful of female physicians at Emory. Emory department of medicine chair J. Willis

Hurst welcomed Wenger with open arms when she joined the faculty.

"Dr. Hurst, who was initially and still is my mentor, had a gender-neutral approach to excellence," says Wenger.

It also was the beginning of what she calls her "love affair" with her chosen specialty — studying, researching and treating the heart.

The longtime member of the Georgia Heart Association served as its first female president. Two awards are named in her honor: the Wenger Award for Service, created by the Department of Medicine, and the annual Wenger Awards for Excellence, presented by WomenHeart, a national patient-led organization that educates and advocates for women with heart disease.

While Wenger has penned hundreds of articles, chaired conferences for the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, the American Heart Association, and American College of Cardiology, and earned dozens of awards, the professional achievement that has brought her international recognition was changing a major paradigm in cardiology: the assumption that heart disease affects only men.

She also was one of the first physician-scientists to speak out about the under-representation of women in research studies and clinical trials.

Her 2005 book "Women and Heart Disease," which she co-edited with British cardiologist Peter Collins, is the standard medical text on the subject.

"All of the studies derived from registries have shown that women with heart disease still remain under-treated," Wenger says.

Consequently, Wenger works diligently on behalf of the national Go Red for Women campaign to promote heart disease awareness among women. "Disseminating this information about heart disease in women must remain a priority of public and professional education," she says.

She will help raise funds and serve as adviser for the planned Emory Crawford Long Women's Cardiovascular Research Center.

And she also mentors women and men at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

In addition, Wenger continues to replace long-held assumptions about cardiovascular disease and

care of the elderly.

"We need accurate, fact-based data about this population," says Wenger, a founder of the Society for Geriatric Cardiology and editor-in-chief of the *American Journal of Geriatric Cardiology*. "Because of our Medicare orientation, 'elderly' has been defined as 65 and older. Where we really lack information is for octogenarians, the fastest-growing sub-population. They are poorly represented in clinical trials."

During the past year, Wenger joined forces with Emory medical faculty, residents and students to help rescue Grady from the financial black hole that threatened its existence. "Emory medical students and residents deserve the credit for the success of this effort," she says.

What's next for Wenger? "My plans, at least for the short term, are to complete a number of research studies and manuscripts and continue teaching, which I cherish."

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EMORY.EDU: Fresh content all the time



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Online visitors will now find rotating feature packages, news and events, and multimedia. Audience-based sections tailor information for the visitor — whether a student, prospective student, staff or faculty member, alumni, parent or patient. Other user-friendly features include a prominently located search and directory button and breadcrumb navigation.

“A radical difference from the former static design is that the content on the new site is fresh all the time,” says Mills. “The University’s home page is now a reliable, up-to-date source to keep up with what’s happening at Emory.”

And a new Web events calendar is one of the most important features of the site, says Sauder. The feature-rich solution from Trumba will replace the old Emory public events calendar, www.events.emory.edu, offering a host of benefits for both end users and University event planners.

“More than just a calendar listing, Trumba will facilitate sharing and promotion of events, highlighting the richness of the Emory community,” says Sauder.

The redesign is the result of a year-long process deeply informed by research, notes Mills. Emory’s Office of Communications and Marketing contracted with Atlanta-based Web development firm Macquarium, headed by alum Marc Adler ’95BBA, to lead the redesign.

Input was sought from hundreds of key stakeholders from across the University. Emphasis was put on the discovery process, with choices informed by focus groups, benchmarking and online surveys.

Reflecting the Emory brand throughout, the look and design of Emory’s home page is intended to ripple across the University, Mills notes. A template will soon be available for departments,

schools and units to develop their Web sites easily and within the same family of design.

“An important objective associated with the redesign was to make it easy for anyone in the University to have a beautiful, professional design that reinforces the Emory brand in a nimble way,” says Sauder.

An additional benefit to school, unit and departmental webmasters is a new content management system. It is the first time Emory has had an enterprise-wide CMS, which will unite Emory’s estimated 364,000 mostly unconnected Web pages under one umbrella.

“The gift of CMS is its centralized capability to offer a common look, feel and design without the need for departments to go out and hire a Web development company or programmer to manage the site,” says Mills.

Mills credits University Technology Services for contributing the vision and execution of marrying the new design with a CMS.

“This is by far the best supported University Web site redesign ever,” notes Sauder. “Three divisions — Development and Alumni Relations, Communications and Marketing, and University Technology Services — banded together, each making a major contribution of money and time.”

Sauder credits Macquarium “for crafting an absolutely beautiful design and doing a deep dive with our various stakeholder groups to develop user-friendly information architecture.”

“[Content management firm] Hannon Hill did a stellar job in implementing the CMS, Cascade Server,” adds Mills.

And the process isn’t over. Adjustments will continue to be made based on user feedback to the new design, says Mills, who encourages the campus community to take the online user satisfaction survey while visiting the home page.

CLASS OF 2012: Selective, diverse

Continued from the cover

Academically, the incoming freshman class earned an average GPA of 3.76 in high school. Their median SAT scores range from 1330 to 1470 for the combined critical reading and math sections. The number of students for whom Emory is top choice also remained high: Early decision applicants make up 32.3 percent of the class.

The class also includes Emory’s first group of QuestBridge Scholars, including 10 in the College and one at Oxford. Emory joined a select coalition of universities and colleges last year that have partnered with QuestBridge, a national nonprofit that links highly qualified, low-income students with full four-year scholarship opportunities at some of the nation’s best colleges.

Emory College Class of 2012

- **1,299 Students**
 - 52% Female
 - 48% Male
 - 30.6% Asian American
 - 9.7% International
 - 8.7% African American
 - 3.5% Hispanic
- **47 States represented**
 - Top states:
 - 19.6% Georgia
 - 11.3% New York
 - 8.5% Florida
- **25 Countries represented**
- **1330-1470 Median range SAT scores**

This is a preliminary snapshot of the Emory College Class of 2012. Official numbers available Sept. 17, the registrar’s date of record.

RANKINGS: Faculty, financial resources strong

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Emory’s rankings on the survey’s components included an 11th place ranking in faculty resources. The faculty resources indicator is mainly derived from faculty compensation and class size distribution.

Average faculty compensation at Emory rose last year at a faster pace than in previous years, as did the percentage of classes with enrollments under 20, both of which helped boost Emory’s overall faculty resources rank past Stanford (12th), Dartmouth (15th), Cornell (16th) and several other highly ranked universities.

Emory was ranked 18th in the “Great Schools, Great Prices” listing of national universities offering the best value. Rankings in this category were based on academic quality and the net cost to a student receiving the average amount of financial aid.

Emory also was cited for its economic diversity, with 12 percent of undergraduates receiving need-based Pell grants. In 2007, the University initiated Emory Advantage, a program of financial aid to help lower- and middle-income students and families reduce debt during the undergraduate years.

Emory ranked 12th in alumni giving, with an average of 36 percent of alumni contributing to the school over a two-year period.

The rankings will be in the Sept. 1 issue of the magazine, which will appear on newsstands Monday, Aug. 25 and is now online at www.usnews.com.

Making the grade for ‘green’

Emory has been selected for Princeton Review’s “2009 Green Rating Honor Roll,” a list honoring 11 colleges and universities that each received the highest scores under the Review’s new “Green Rating” of colleges. The review of environmental criteria in higher education is a first for the Princeton Review, which typically publishes resources for students to select and apply to colleges.

The ranking included 534 schools that provided data collected from surveys during the 2007-08 academic year concerning their environmentally related policies, practices and academic offerings.

TAKE NOTE

Turman Hall wins national distinction

Turman Hall has been named a “Dorm of Distinction” by University Business magazine.

The August issue of the publication for college and university administrators features residence halls designed to make students feel at home; foster a sense of community through interior and/or exterior spaces; help keep students and their belongings safe; and incorporate “green” elements in an aesthetically pleasing way.

Winners were selected by school size and type and Turman, a 130-bed, LEED-certified “Silver” hall, which opened in 2007, was chosen in the large private university category.

The magazine noted the architect’s goal of creating community rather than individual cocoons, and the student residents’ favorable reaction to the energy monitors and room occupancy sensors.

Work out later at Blomeyer

The Blomeyer Health Fitness Center is now open an extra three hours on both Saturdays and Sundays.

The expanded hours at the center for Emory faculty and staff are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the weekends. The change was prompted by a large number of member requests, says wellness coordinator Chernay Woods.

In addition, wellness staffers are now available on weekends for fitness assessments and equipment orientation, Woods says. Members can call during the week and set appointments for weekends.

The center hours during the week were also adjusted and are now 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 5:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, she adds.

Commemorating smallpox’s end

The Emory Global Health Institute and veteran smallpox eradication workers are planning the formal commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the worldwide eradication of smallpox. The event will be held in May 2010 at the World Health Assembly of the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland.

Planned are a worldwide design competition for a smallpox eradication monument to be installed at the entrance of the WHO headquarters in Geneva; a multimedia documentation of the history of smallpox eradication; and an international scientific symposium.

For further information contact: Rebecca Baggett at 404-727-1427, rbaggett@emory.edu; or visit www.globalhealth.emory.edu/programs/facultyPrograms/sec2010.php.

Campus construction update

If you have been away from Emory for the summer, take a stroll around campus and look at the projects that are under way or recently completed. From the opening of the new Candler School of Theology/Center for Ethics building, to new “green” freshman residence halls, Emory is making large strides toward accomplishing its Campus Master Plan. For updates, visit www.construction.emory.edu.



1. Rollins School of Public Health The new 9-story expansion of the school of public health is under construction off Houston Mill Road, behind the School of Nursing and the existing school of public health. It is expected to be completed in the summer of 2010.



2. McDonough Field Stage The old stage was removed for construction of Evans and Few Halls. The new stage begins construction in late August and will be completed in late fall.



3. Emory Village Roundabout The roundabout project that is being planned and built by DeKalb County in Emory Village is anticipated to begin during the 2008-2009 academic year. Prior to the road construction, utilities will be buried along North Decatur Road in the Village.



4. Candler School of Theology/Center for Ethics building This 5-story building opened in August. It includes 70,000-square-feet of space for lecture halls, classrooms, faculty offices and administrative space, and was constructed to achieve LEED “Silver” certification.

More projects

9. Emory Conference Center Hotel expansion

The facility will add 127 new guest rooms and conference space. Ultimately these new rooms will replace those in the Emory Inn. The project is underway and is scheduled to be completed next spring.

10. Freshman Housing Phase 3

This fall Longstreet and Means residence halls will be demolished for the third phase of Emory's freshman housing complex. The project will include 349 beds and a 23,000-foot “green roof.” Construction is expected to begin by the end of this year for completion in spring 2010.

11. Emory Point

The mixed-use project, located across from the CDC, is a project led by Cousins Properties on a long-term ground lease by Emory. Construction is expected to break ground this fall. The first phase of the project will include retail, condos and apartments.



Off the map

Campus Crossings

Campus Apartments' project (a private student housing development on an Emory ground lease) will provide graduate housing. The new complex is now under construction near the Sage Hill Shopping Center on Briarcliff Road and will be ready for occupancy late next summer.

What's in a name?

Several campus projects now have official names.

Freshman residence halls 2 and 3 are now known as Evans Hall and Few Hall. They are named for Ignatius Alphonso Few, who was the first president of Emory College, and Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans, the first woman to serve on Emory's Board of Trustees.

Campus Apartments' graduate housing complex on Briarcliff Road is now named Campus Crossings.

The Emory-Cousins Properties mixed use project on Clifton Road is now known as Emory Point.



5. Dowman entrance The front door to Emory is now a one-way entrance to campus through the historic Haygood-Hopkins gate. Look for finishing touches on the roadway and landscaping to be added over the next few months.



6. Psychology building This new 5-story building, located on the site that was once home to Gilbert and Thomson residence halls, is scheduled to open in March 2009. It will include 120,000-square-feet of classrooms, labs and administrative space.



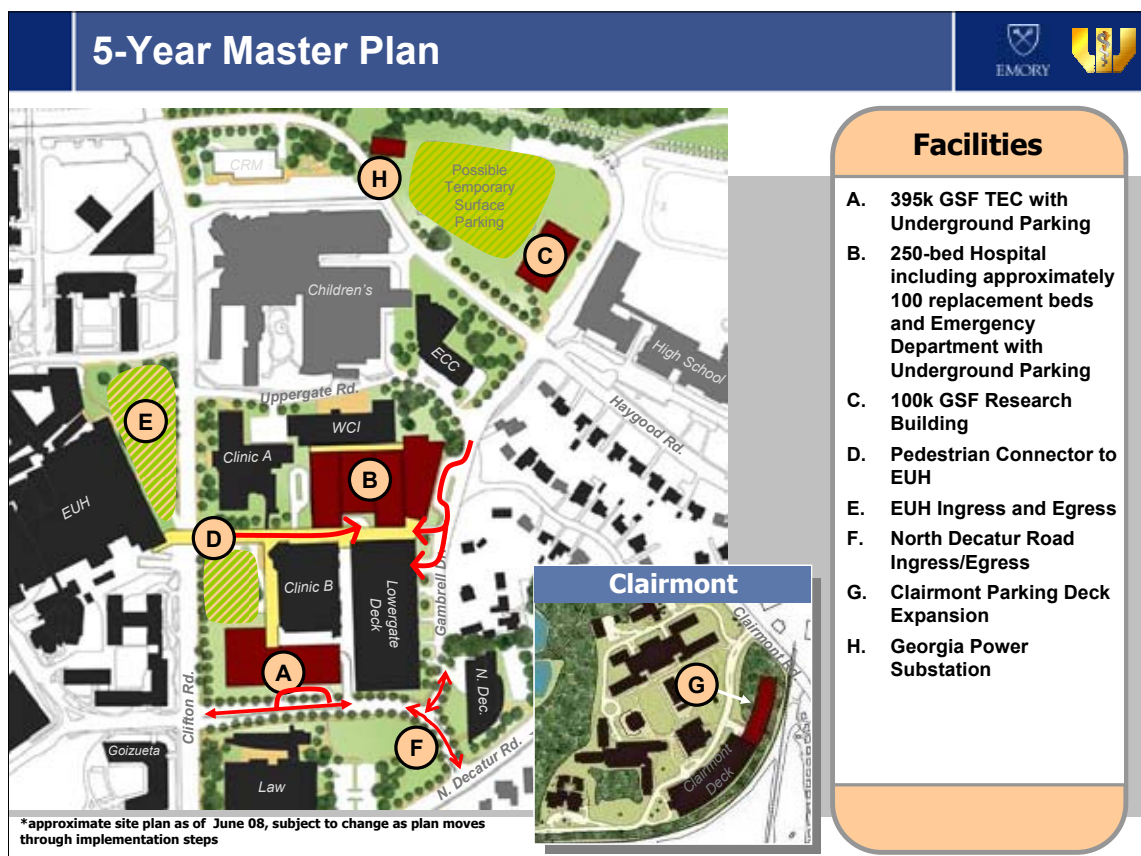
7. Oxford Road Bookstore and Admissions Office Site preparation started this summer for a new bookstore on what was previously the B. Jones parking lot. The 55,000-square-foot bookstore, café, common “living room” and admissions office space will be completed in fall 2009.



8. Few and Evans Residence Halls (Freshman Halls 2-3) Emory's “greenest” residence halls open this month with 293 student beds and a host of water and energy conservation features. The latest in Emory's freshman housing complex, the halls are built to achieve LEED “Gold” accreditation.

Campus

Health care construction update



Site highlights

Clifton Road site

- A 250-bed hospital (100 beds will replace beds currently in EUH, for a net gain of 150 beds on Clifton Road)
- A new 395,000 square foot Emory Clinic to be built next to the current Emory Clinic
- A new emergency department in the new hospital to replace the current facility in EUH
- A new research facility located on Haygood Drive across from Emory Children's Center

Emory Crawford Long Hospital in Midtown

- Approximately 125 new beds
- A new 137,000 square foot Emory Clinic building
- Approximately 75,000 square feet of new research space

Campus impact

What does your new building mean for the Emory community?

Few and Evans Residence Halls

"The Ignatius Few and Lettie Pate Evans freshmen dorms are part of our First Year at Emory learning community and we are really excited about that. "The most amazing feature: Rainwater is harvested, pumped by photovoltaics, treated and reused to flush toilets. Water coming off the fan cool units and air handlers will also be harvested [for that]. "It keeps us moving forward on some great student housing."

— **Andrea Trinklein, executive director of residence life and housing**

Candler School of Theology

"We are all simply gleeful. Candler faculty, staff and students look like kids in a candy store. "We love our new building ... and are deeply grateful that, even though construction continues around us, we can begin the new semester from this grand new place."

— **Jan Love, dean of Candler School of Theology**

Center for Ethics

"Center for Ethics has a new director as well as new space. We went from 2,000-square-feet in the old dental school to 6,000-square-feet so we can really spread out. We're looking forward to hosting events in our space."

"Being near the School of Public Health was advantageous to our health care programs. Now we're right here in the middle of everything."

"We are planning to expand with faculty and staff hires and our programs. [The new space will] primarily allow us to consider new programs and the new director's vision of the way he sees us growing."

"Our new leader said 'make it comfortable; make a place where the students will hang out'."

— **Paul Ficklin-Alred, assistant director of administration in the Center for Ethics**

Dowman Entrance

"The campus has multiple entrances but the Haygood-Hopkins Gate is a more symbolic entrance. It is a highlight, an architectural feature, an icon of Emory. Historically, the traffic used to go under it. With the changed traffic pattern, it will be more the way it was historically."

"I think the alumni will be very interested in it. The gates of Emory will be the focal point."

— **Dan Walls, associate vice president of enrollment management**

Board approves enhancements to Clifton, Midtown

In June, Emory announced that its Trustees authorized the next stage in the redevelopment of Emory Healthcare, Georgia's largest and most comprehensive health care system.

"We are pleased to move ahead with state-of-the-art programs in patient care and research that will address the most acute

health needs of our population in this new century," says President Jim Wagner. "We look forward to working with our surrounding communities and government leaders to give DeKalb County and metro Atlanta a destination health care system that will be an unsurpassed source of civic pride and competitiveness,

high-quality patient care and job growth well into the 21st century."

Emory previously announced plans, in 2006, to construct a new Emory Clinic (TEC) complex, along with a replacement for Emory University Hospital (EUH), to be located and built in phases across Clifton Road from

the hospital's current site.

The proposal approved by Emory's board in June allows for these facilities to move into a design phase contingent on final program definition and the availability of funding. The entire redevelopment is currently scheduled for completion in 2013.

What's next?

Starting early in September, Emory will work with leaders, faculty, nurses and staff to develop the program for the new inpatient (hospital) facilities on the Druid Hills and Midtown campuses. The inpatient programming will be driven by key principles such as achieving the highest level of patient care, patient and family centered care, and innovation.

The inpatient programming process will conclude in December of this year and will move into the schematic design phase in January.

Schematic design determines the general scope, preliminary design, scale and relationships among the components. The objective is to develop a clearly defined design with a comprehensive scope, budget and schedule – the roadmap for success.

Programming is now largely complete for the new clinic facility on Clifton Road. This facility is currently in the schematic design phase. A team will also be meeting to define the program for the new research facilities on both campuses.

Oxford: New living, learning space

Oxford College's newest residence hall is now open. The two-building complex with traditional-style double rooms and community bathrooms houses approximately 350 first- and second-year students.

The complex is designed to promote community life with ample common space including a large interior courtyard.

Building materials, landscaping and other design features have been selected to achieve LEED "Silver" certification.

The complex is also the new home of the Student Health Service and Oxford College Counseling and Career Center.

It replaces Branham and East halls, allowing Oxford to better support its current student enrollment with modern facilities that retain the character of Oxford's historic campus.



BRYAN MELTZ

Listening to child soldiers' war stories spurs mental health study



"Most of these kids are still capable of hope and believing in the future," says Brandon Kohrt, an M.D.-Ph.D. student who is researching the mental health of former child soldiers.

BRYAN MELTZ

By CAROL CLARK

Brandon Kohrt met with many traumatized young people as lead author for a study on the mental health of former child soldiers in Nepal, published by the *Journal of the American Medical Association* on Aug. 13.

All of the children he interviewed had moving stories, but some especially stick in his mind, says Kohrt, a final-year medical student and a Ph.D. candidate in anthropology. One boy was 14 when Maoist insurgents beat his father unconscious and

coerced him to become a soldier in their battle against government troops.

"He and some other child soldiers were captured by the Nepali army," says Kohrt. "The girls in the group were stripped and raped. The army troops then cut the girls' bodies with knives and put chili powder in their wounds."

In addition to witnessing such horrific events, the Nepali youth told Kohrt that he was shot in the leg during a battle. His best friend in the group was gravely wounded and begged for water, but none was available. He had

to flee the encroaching Nepali army and leave his friend to die alone.

"He feels tremendous guilt over that," says Kohrt. "The burden of experiences he carries is very apparent. He says they keep happening again and again in his head."

The teenager was one of 141 former child soldiers included in the study, commissioned through the Transcultural Psychosocial Organization (TPO) Nepal. The study's co-authors include Carol Worthman, Samuel Candler Dobbs Professor of Anthropology; Rebecca Speckman, an M.D.-

Ph.D. student in Rollins School of Public Health; and researchers from Nepal and Amsterdam.

It is the first published study of the mental health of child soldiers that includes comparative data. The results showed that the former child soldiers, who were as young as 5 when conscripted, were more than twice as likely to suffer from symptoms of depression and post-traumatic stress disorder than Nepali children who experienced war trauma as civilians.

Kohrt is continuing his research with TPO, to support the development of mental

health screening for war-affected children, and to create intervention programs targeted to a range of needs, including the stigmatization that child soldiers sometimes face when they return home.

After receiving his medical degree, Kohrt hopes to do a psychiatric residency for global mental health. "I want a career that allows me to do evidence-based research and provide mental health care to those in the most desperate need," he says.

Kohrt speaks Nepali and has studied mental health issues in Nepal for nearly a decade. He originally envisioned a career focused solely on research.

"The people I was gathering information on would ask me for help all the time. Their problems were so severe and overwhelming, I felt an ethical obligation to provide clinical care as well," he says, explaining his decision to enter medical school.

Listening to children tell war stories is one more motivation for him to meet the challenge of completing two degrees simultaneously. He is also inspired by the children's resiliency. "Most of these kids are still capable of hope and believing in the future," he says.

For instance, the Nepali boy who was forced to leave his dying friend on the battlefield is now 17, and working as a traditional healer in his village. "The only time he brightened up and made eye contact with me was when he talked about helping a sick little girl the night before," Kohrt recalls.

"He said she had suffered a 'soul loss.' He performed a ritual to call her soul back and her vitality returned. After the tremendous suffering that he's been through, what makes him feel better is helping others," Kohrt marvels. "I'll never forget that boy."

Grant to fuel research for safer transfusions

By QUINN EASTMAN

For vulnerable patients like premature babies or adults with leukemia, blood cell transfusions can involve the risk of infections and other complications. A five-year, \$8 million National Institutes of Health grant to the Emory Center for Transfusion and Cellular Therapies will support efforts to reduce those risks.

The grant will fund a clinical trial covering the greater Atlanta area that tests the best ways to protect low birth weight infants from cytomegalovirus (CMV), a common transfusion-related infection. It will also support study of new strate-

gies for rebuilding the immune systems of bone marrow transplant recipients.

"The goal of these projects is to make transfusion and bone marrow transplant recipients safer," says pathologist and principal investigator Christopher Hillyer. "Although they are distinct projects, each one builds on the knowledge generated by the other."

A majority of adults have CMV in their bodies, but it doesn't make them sick. Low birth weight infants have incomplete immune systems and are vulnerable to CMV infection, which can lead to liver or lung damage, permanent disability or even death, Hillyer says.

Study: Lymph nodes may hold key for new strategy to fight viruses

By QUINN EASTMAN

Seeing disease-fighting white blood cells vanish from the blood usually signals a weakened immune system. But preventing white blood cells' circulation by trapping them in the lymph nodes can help mice get rid of a chronic viral infection, Emory vaccine researchers have found.

Their findings, published Aug. 14 in *Nature*, suggest a new strategy for fighting chronic viral infections that could apply to the treatment of human diseases such as hepatitis C and HIV/AIDS.

The team's discoveries grew out of their study of two varieties of a virus that causes meningitis in mice, said immunologist John Altman, who is based at

Yerkes National Primate Research Center.

Mice can fight off infection by the Armstrong strain of lymphocytic choriomeningitis virus, but are vulnerable to chronic infection by a variant called clone 13.

Altman, postdoctoral fellow Mary Premenko-Lanier and co-workers found that infecting mice with the Armstrong strain sequesters white blood cells in the lymph nodes, while clone 13 does so less stringently.

"Our hypothesis was that if we could artificially induce conditions like those produced by the Armstrong strain, it would help the immune system clear an infection by clone 13," Altman says.

His team turned to an experi-

mental drug called FTY720, which prevents white blood cells from leaving lymph nodes and was previously thought of as an immunosuppressant. While not approved for sale by the FDA, doctors have tested it for the treatment of multiple sclerosis and preventing kidney transplant rejection.

Even if mice have a chronic clone 13 infection, treatment with FTY720 can still improve their immune response enough to have them rid it from their systems, the authors found.

Altman and his co-workers are planning to test FTY720's effects in animals with other viruses such as relatives of HIV, Epstein Barr virus, and polyoma virus.

Forum

NEWSMAKERS



“Be patient in waiting to see the effects of the college experience.”

— Marshall Duke, Charles Howard Candler Professor of Psychology, in “Parenting a College Student: What To Expect” in eMaxHealth.com, Aug. 20.

FIRST PERSON

The challenge of happiness

By OZZIE HARRIS

I have never been sure if I have the right to be happy. The concept wasn't clear to me at 12 and even now as I hone in on 50, I'm not sure I relate to the idea, emotion or phenomena of happiness. I am a product of my environment and by nature a person searching for explanations. Like some of you who search for “fair trade coffee,” I search for “fair trade happiness.”

Generally, when I do visualize happiness it emerges as two conflicting emotions: guilt and pleasure. Happiness for me is a guilty pleasure.

For example, last year, I purchased a new car which I love to drive with the windows down and the music up. I enjoy blasting my soundtrack all over the road and wobbling my head like a backup dancer for Beyonce. Is this happiness?

Internally, I know my drives are expressions of pure contradiction. I see the countryside, listen to great music, feel the engine roaring and know my “fleeting bliss” is completely at odds with my politics. I'm polluting, contributing to a growing global disaster, maybe a war, and acquiring a sense of freedom described by some Madison Avenue ad agent and smiling through my hypocrisy all at the same time. The truth is I don't trust happiness. Happiness is too ... too pleasurable.

Why don't I trust the notion of happiness? It seems to me the idea has always been associated with selfishness, and no matter how hard I resist it, I am caught in this dichotomy. If I am happy it is because someone else is being nailed. I think about the inequity of everything. Blame it on my mother. She still reminds me of “shortages and rationing” she experienced growing up in Scotland during WWII. Or my father who, like the Reverend Jeremiah Wright, told stories of withering segregation and how his uncle died “because they wouldn't take him at the white hospital.” He was seated beside him when he passed.

One period I associate with happiness occurred the summer before and the summer after eighth grade. It was the age of bell bottoms, tie-dye shirts, and etched leather wrist bands that proclaimed “Peace” or “Love.” It was before I was saturated by the toxins of high school and adult life.

I have a clear memory of going to pick plums in an orchard not far from our house with friends. I received my first kiss in that flowering, ordered grove. Was this happiness?

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Needless to say, the farmer was not happy. I ran from his property, my pants pockets stuffed with plums. The ones I placed in my shirttail, folded in half like a kangaroo pouch, popped out with each stride. We never actually saw the farmer, just his truck. There was a rumor that the grove keeper had a shotgun loaded with salt.

If happiness is a guilty pleasure it is also a curse, a moment to reflect on everything in my life and to think about others. I have always tamped down my happiness, maybe out of guilt or maybe because I read too much as a child. My wife tells me I do not know how to enjoy life. I tell her a display of happiness is a conceit, total hubris.

I don't really believe I have to be sad or unhappy, but sometimes it feels that way. And I don't think I'm alone. Every time I hear a student, athlete or politician play down their accomplishments, it crosses my mind that they are scared to tell their stories. They are afraid they will inspire jealousy. Why should we be modest about our happiness? I am not entirely sure, but I

think a number of us fear our bold tales of deep satisfaction will only anger the fates, or others unable to catch a break. Dare we be happy in such a troubled world?

I worry that my happiness will jinx me. And I fear if I clarify my understanding of what makes me happy I will only jinx myself. I am sure that others worry that being happy makes them vulnerable to the influence of petty tyrants, but maybe we should lead by example rather than follow in fear. Are you willing to lead?

Emory legal scholar Martha Fineman asserts “we are all dependent.” My desire for happiness is connected to each of you. As I search for answers, I keep this and similar ideas in mind. I have come to understand that I am most happy when I am doing something for myself that benefits others.

The last two summers I worked with my son and friends in Biloxi. We worked with young children. We worked hard to replace what Katrina had done a good job of taking away. Strangely, working with families and businesses in Mississippi produced little internal conflict for me.

I should also mention that I

“Dare we be happy in such a troubled world?”

— Ozzie Harris

do not make much of a distinction between the words happiness and kindness. We are all caught in an interdependent relationship with each other. It is hard for me to imagine my happiness without trying to imagine yours. My sense of living in the world, being part of a community, means I must do something continually to translate my personal desire for happiness into a community desire for doing what is just, right and fair. I do not do this to be selfless, but because I fully appreciate how my desires are linked to others in this community.

If I plan to achieve happiness, then I must find a way to share my humanity with others. I must choose to say hello, offer a supportive glance, pitch in where it is appropriate and lead by example. If I fail to do these things, I appreciate there will be no “fair trade happiness.”

And I, ultimately, understand I will not achieve the happiness I shyly seek for myself.



Asked to speak at the Emory Happiness Summit last spring, Ozzie Harris realized that happiness, to him, was a mixed emotion.

JON ROU

SOUNDBITES

Take heart advice with grain of salt?

“Our taste buds have devolved, instead of evolved,” said Cheryl Williams, a nutritionist with Emory's Heart and Vascular Center, explaining that one reason the American diet is high in salt is because our taste buds are accustomed to it. In her talk “Nutrition for the Heart” at Emory Clinic, Williams said that it's important to limit salt intake to about one teaspoon per day, or 2,300 milligrams.

“First get rid of your saltshaker – that's going to be half the battle,” she said. The less salt you eat, the less you will crave it, she said. “Taste buds renew themselves regularly, so you can retrain them.”

— Carol Clark

Grant writing expert gives tips

When drafting the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson said that he wanted a document in “terms so clear and direct as to demand their consent.” Paul Casella used such examples during his recent University Research Committee workshops on grant writing for science, medicine and the humanities.

“Good writing is clear and concise,” said Casella, of the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine.

“The Declaration of Independence is kind of like a grant proposal, except we took [the land] away first and sent in the application later,” he said. “In a perfect world it would always be like that.”

Materials are available at <http://www.urc.emory.edu/workshops>.

— Carol Clark

‘Blood and Oil’ are fascinating mix

“We live in a day and age where the wonders and mystery of surgery are somewhat diluted by the ease and access of technology,” noted Bahair Ghazi.

The general surgery chief resident took his audience at Emory University Hospital's Grand Rounds through “the history of our medical specialty, where masterpieces were not only appreciated for talent but were appreciated for medical documentation — where art was record and pictorial depiction was truth.”

Ghazi's slideshow of masterpieces of art and surgery showed how surgery evolved from the lowly status of “work of the hand, not the head,” to how barbers got to be surgeons to the 16th century when “surgery begins to acquire status,” to the sanitary accoutrements of the 20th century.

— Leslie King

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ADVANCE NOTICE

Luminaries series hosts Kureishi

Writer Hanif Kureishi will read from and discuss his latest novel, "Something to Tell You," on Sept. 8 at 7 p.m. in the Carlos Museum reception hall, as part of Emory's Luminaries in Arts and Humanities lecture series.

Kureishi's works include the novels "The Buddha of Suburbia," taught by Salman Rushdie in his graduate seminar last year, and Oscar-nominated screenplay "My Beautiful Laundrette," which will be screened by Emory Cinematheque Sept. 3 at 8 p.m. in White Hall 205.

The English playwright, screenwriter, filmmaker, novelist and short story writer will be on campus through Sept. 9 for readings, book signings and other events. For more information visit www.creativity.emory.edu.

Explore Austen's 'Great Works'

The Bill and Carol Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry invites 15 members from Emory, as well as the broader Atlanta community, to join its first "Great Works" seminar, "Jane Austen's World."

The reading group will meet from 7-8:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month for five sessions. Seminar participants will read five of Austen's novels and explore their rich historical context.

Each member will get a copy of "The Complete Novels of Jane Austen." The seminar will be led by history professor Judith A. Miller.

For further information and to reserve a space on a "first-come basis," contact Miller at histjam@emory.edu; 404-727-6564 or the CHI at chi@emory.edu; 404-727-6424.

Labor Day literary festival

Emory is a sponsor of the third annual Decatur Book Festival, set for Aug. 29 to Aug. 31 in downtown Decatur.

The free festival will feature author readings and book signings; a children's stage featuring interactive activities; live music; cooking demonstrations by noted cookbook authors; food and beer vendors; poetry slams; and an opening day Children's Parade.

Don't miss readings by Emory faculty authors Natasha Trethewey, Bruce Covey, Sidney Perkowitz, Mark Bauerlein and others.

For more information and a complete schedule of festival events visit www.decaturbookfestival.com.

Athletics

Friday, Aug. 29

Women's Soccer v. Guilford College. 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 30

Men's Soccer v. Guilford College. 1:30 p.m.

Women's Soccer v. Methodist University. 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 31

Men's Soccer v. Methodist University. 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 2

Women's Soccer v. Agnes Scott College. 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 5

Women's Volleyball v. Haverford College. 4:30 p.m.

Women's Volleyball v. Southwestern University. 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 6

Women's Volleyball v. Mt. Union College. Noon.

Women's Volleyball v. Carleton College. 4:30 p.m.

*All events: Woodruff P.E. Center. Free. 404-727-6447.

Performing Arts

Thursday, Aug. 28

Department of Theater Studies General Meeting. 5 p.m. Mary Gray Munroe Theater. Free. 404-712-9118.

Sunday, Sept. 7

University Organist Recital. Melissa Plamann, Casavant Organ, performing. 4 p.m. Glenn Memorial Auditorium. Free. 404-727-5050.

Seminars

Thursday, Aug. 28

"Acute Care Surgery, Current Status: Who, What, When, Where and Why." J. Wayne Meredith, Wake Forest University School of Medicine, presenting. 7 a.m. Emory Hospital Auditorium. Free. 404-778-1903.

Thursday, Sept. 4

"Pediatric Trauma: They Are Not Just Small Adults." Carrie Stallings, Emory Surgery, presenting. 7 a.m. Emory Hospital Auditorium. Free. 404-778-1903.

"Hormonal and Second Messenger Regulation of the Sodium Chloride Cotransporter." Robert Hoover, University of Chicago, presenting. 9 a.m. 600 Whitehead Research Building. Free. 404-727-7401.

Special

Friday, Sept. 5

Creativity & Arts Soiree: A Celebration of Emory. 5:30 p.m. Emerson Hall, Schwartz Center. Free. 404-712-9214. RSVP by Sept. 2.

Visual Arts

Now Showing

"Latin American Posters: Public Aesthetics and Mass Politics." Schatten Gallery, Woodruff Library. Free. 404-727-0136. Through Dec. 14.

"The Bomb That Healed: Rabbi Jacob Rothschild, Civil Rights, and the Temple Bombing of 1958." MARBL, Woodruff Library. Free. 404-727-6887. Through Jan. 3, 2009.

Comedy theme of Theater Emory season

Theater Emory's 2008-09 season, "Searching for Oneself — and for that Other," begins with the program "The Comedy of David Ives," featuring six short, comedic plays about couples and communication. Running Oct. 2-11 in the Schwartz Center Theater Lab, the program features portrayals of couples in conversation. The couples engage in conversations that stop when they go awry, before resuming with characters revising what was said before, as if in search of a better version of themselves.

On Nov. 13-23, in the Mary Gray Munroe Theater, Theater Emory presents Ödön von Horváth's "Don Juan Comes Back From the War." This story is of a modern Don Juan, much changed by his experience of war as he longs to reunite with his true love, but instead comes back to discover a world where women are the seducers.

At the Schwartz Center Theater Lab on Feb. 2-22, 2009, the Playwriting Center of Theater Emory presents a festival of new play readings



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and exploratory workshops as part of "Brave New Works" series. A combined company of student and professional actors will perform works based on Emory's "Evolution Revolution" conference this October and works in collaboration with Out Of Hand Theater. The event is sponsored in part by

the Emory College Center for Creativity & Arts funded by the University-wide Creativity & Arts Strategic Initiative.

The season closes with the great modern classic "Peer Gynt" by Henrik Ibsen, on April 16-26, in the Mary Gray Munroe Theater. Written as a poem in dramatic form, the

play tells the story of young Peer, a fanciful, irresponsible misfit, who dreams of becoming emperor of the world. After many misadventures, Peer returns home where he learns what it means to be human.

For tickets and information, contact 404-727-5050 or visit www.arts.emory.edu.

— Blake Covington and Jessica Moore

SNAPSHOT



JACK KEARSE

A journey of hope

They had cycled 65 miles from Carrollton, Ga. that morning, yet the "Journey of Hope" cyclists wheeled into campus Aug. 4 full of energy. After refueling with cookies and punch at the Emory Autism Center, the cyclists switched gears to play with the children in the Autism Center's preschool program.

"Friendship visits" such as these are an integral part of the cross-country cycling event of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity that raises funds and awareness for people with disabilities.