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On the cover: Veterinary Medicine Open House was held April 1. Photo by Nick Mann.

Clinical Medicine Reports New Hires

By Herb Whiteley

After only six months on the job, Dr. David Williams has accomplished quite a lot as head of the Department of Veterinary Clinical Medicine. One of his top priorities has been recruiting faculty, and he has several successes to report.

"We've been able to attract good people in high-demand areas, where there are a dozen or more positions open nationally," he says, "so I feel we're off to a really good start in recruiting."

- Dr. Kristen O'Dell-Anderson has accepted a faculty position in diagnostic imaging (see page 11);
- Dr. Laura Garrett, a 1991 graduate of our College who is currently on the faculty at Kansas State University, will expand our oncology section to three, ensuring a strong program of clinical service, graduate training, and basic and applied research in cancer.
- Dr. Ed Garrett, who currently practices production medicine in the private sector, will join our Food Animal Reproduction, Medicine and Surgery section.
- Dr. Carrie Breaux will bring our ophthalmology section back to a full complement when she starts work in October. Dr. Breaux is finishing a residency program at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan.
- Dr. Julie Whittington moved to a non-visiting appointment as an exotics clinician and medical director of the Wildlife Medical Clinic.

"We are committed to building a program that encompasses clinical service, veterinary and graduate education, and research in the area of exotics and wildlife health," says Dr. Williams. "We hope to anchor this program with a third faculty member to complement the work of Dr. Whittington and Dr. Jennifer Langan, based at Brookfield Zoo."

Recruiting efforts in emergency and critical care are also taking shape. A long-range staffing plan is in place for the anesthesia section.

"Things are evolving quite well, and a strong plan is emerging for the future of the department," says Dr. Williams. "My philosophy as a leader is to hire the right people, give them the support they need, and then get out of their way."

On the College level, the past year has seen a flurry of hiring in leadership positions: Dr. Dan Rock to head the Department of Pathobiology, Dr. Williams in clinical medicine, and Dr. Michael Biehl as director of the teaching hospital (see next page). By the end of this summer we should have completed searches for the head of the Department of Veterinary Biosciences and the director of the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.

This period has also been devoted to planning. We have refined our College strategic plan and tailored it, where appropriate, to mesh with the priorities outlined at the campus and university levels. Please read about our targeted initiatives on page 2.

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