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President's Message

Happy Anniversary to AzAALAS!
This past November, our association celebrated twenty years of existence. This could not have happened without the efforts of our seventeen founding members, who saw a need in Arizona for a networking organization that could bring together the diverse group of people involved in laboratory animal science to discuss the issues and share ideas. Several of our original members are still active today: Ms. Casey Kilcullen-Steiner, Dr. Susan Wilson-Sanders, Ms. Jane Criswell, Ms. Cheryl Johnson, and Ms. Karen Blohm-Mangone. If you pass them in the halls, please thank them on behalf of AzAALAS, without their efforts and foresight our group would not be here today.

The Holiday Installation party was held at my house in December. My parents were present. This was one of the few times that they've gotten to meet people from the lab animal field. They were extremely impressed with all of you. After everyone left, my mother stated, "They were the nicest group of people she had ever met." I concur 100%. There is not a single person that I have met in this organization that I would be ashamed to call a colleague or a friend. You all make me proud to say that I am a member of AALAS and to tell people from the outside world what I do for a living without being embarrassed. Even though we all have different educational backgrounds and work in various positions in the field, we still easily come together as a unified body dedicated to humane animal care.

Next month, I celebrate an anniversary 15 years as a member of Arizona AALAS. One rarely hears someone say that they are happy to belong to a volunteer organization, because it never fails that these types of groups are always begging for your time

Important Branch Dates

Intl Tech Week - 1/29-2/4/06
Spring Video Conference - TBA
Summer Fun Event - TBA
Fall Video Conference - TBA
National AALAS Meeting in
Salt Lake City - 10/15-19/06
Holiday Installation Event - 12/2/06

and money. Don't get me wrong, AzAALAS has asked for a lot of my time over the years. However, I gave and will continue to give freely because I believe in the mission of the association. Throughout the coming year, I will also be asking all of you to give up some of your valuable free time to work on our behalf. As a first request, I would like to see all of you attend at least one of our video conferences, which are offered twice a year. This is an opportunity for you to gain some CEU credits for the technician registry as well as meet others in the field. Supervisors, managers, and directors should be encouraging their employees to attend these educational programs. If there is a topic you would like to see discussed or would like present, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or President Elect Jeri Ellis (jkellis@u.arizona.edu).

One thing I do promise this year is we will not be asking you to give us a lot of money like other groups. Membership to AzAALAS is still only \$10 a year and most of our gatherings are free. So please come join us for a fun, educational year.

If you have any questions or comments feel free to contact me. Dr. Timothy Martin - (602)406-4003 or (timothy.martin@chw.edu).

Member Profile - Rebecca Hyzer

Rebecca Hyzer, Lean Animal Care Technician for Arizona State University, Department of Animal Care and Technologies, is the AZ AALAS Technician of the year. She graduated from the SUNY Delhi College of Technology in central New York state with a Veterinary Science major and is currently a Licensed Veterinary Technician. She had an Externship at Albany Medical Center's Animal research Facility, Albany NY, worked at Bionetics Corp. Kennedy Space Center Florida as an Animal Caretaker, and was a Veterinary Technician at the Valley Veterinary Clinic, Sidney NY, before coming to Arizona in August of 2005.

Rebecca worked general husbandry with almost every type of laboratory animal from Xenopus to Non-Human Primates. As a Veterinary Technician in an emergency, mixed-animal practice, she dealt with dogs and cats, livestock, and many species of wildlife. She worked with conventional and isolator caging and has experience with Lynx Cage washer, autoclaves, industrial dishwashers, the RO water system, building light timer and automated building controls systems. As a Vet Tech she assisted with surgeries, gave injections, placed catheters, administered medications, monitored fluids, took radiographs and induced and monitored general anesthesia. She also actively participated in client education and assisted the Veterinarian during office visits. Animal health, well being and cleanliness are very important to her. She says, "It is our obligation to ensure that the animals within a research facility are cared for to the best of our ability. Keeping the animal facility as clean as possible will avoid many problems."

Rebecca always wanted to be a scientist and eagerly attended Veterinary Technician school. She has been a national AALAS member for three years and an AzaALAS member for over a year. She received the BIPI Scholarship (awarded to students who show academic excellence and a profound interest in lab animal science), Upstate New York AALAS Sam Martin Branch Award, and now the AzaALAS Technician of the Year Award.

Outside of work Rebecca takes care of a cat and a desert box turtle. She enjoys playing poker, hiking, sailing and keeping a perennial garden and few people know she collects stamps. Ken Pyle, Associate Professor at Delhi's Primatology Laboratory, greatly influenced her areas of interest. When asked, How would you influence others to follow in your footsteps?, she answered, "Become educated in lab animal science through schooling and continuing education. Gain every level of AALAS certification you can."

Past Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the 9/17/05 Board Meeting

Meeting began at 12:02 p.m. The meeting was held in the conference room of the Central Animal Facility at the University of Arizona in Tucson and St Josephs Hospital in Phoenix.

President Michael Rand welcomed the board members and thanked everyone for making the time to participate. We will jump to the Fall Fun Event as President elect Dr Martin needs to leave early for another meeting.

Dr. Martin has confirmed plans for the Fall Fun Event at the Phoenix Zoo. Working through group services he has secured prices of \$10 for adults/\$9 for seniors and \$3.75 for kids (12 years and under). The date of the event will be October 29 at 10a.m. Tim will meet everyone there at the bridge at the front entrance. Anyone late will have to pay regular admission once the tour has started (\$14/\$6).

Dr. Rand asked for approval of the minutes of the July board meeting. Minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer Cheryl Johnson gave the financial update. There is currently \$6,581 in our various accounts. This does not include some outstanding amounts for the SwAEBR membership and SwAEBR meeting costs.

Secretary Grace Aranda distributed new membership rosters to the board. We have 135 members.

Grace reminded everyone that our September newsletter has gone out. Our next newsletter will be in January. We will need a new profile so any ideas get in touch with Southern Board Member Bob Perrill. At that time we will need the outgoing presidents farewell and the incoming President welcome as well as something on the Installation event and Tech Week. TBR will have another TBR corner. Any other ideas should be submitted to Grace by early January.

Grace distributed a Buyers Guide Summary for the year. We

are missing some of our regular vendors this year but we have some new vendors this year too. Grace will load the new vendor forms to the website to encourage early renewals.

Grace reported that in response to poor attendance at recent District 8 AALAS meetings the branches in District 8 have decided to meet and come up with ideas for improvements. Grace attended a meeting on September 1 in Las Vegas with the other representatives of the branch and distributed notes from this meeting. The committee would like to officially become the District 8 Planning Committee and devise ways and means of improving the meeting from regionally putting on meetings to topics for future district meeting and ways of better communicating including a website and listserv. Each branch is asked to appoint a representative with meeting planning experience to the committee who will be liaison with the committee for at least 3 years for continuity. Grace has offered to continue as this person.

**SwAEBR Essay Contest:
WIN A PAID SUMMER
INTERNSHIP!**

The Southwest Association for Education in Biomedical Research sponsors an essay contest each year for high school students. Winners receive a paid summer internship working in a research lab.

The topic of the essay is:

"How Has Biomedical Research Using Animals Benefitted a Pet, You, or Someone You Know?"

All high school students in public, private and parochial schools are eligible, providing they will be **16 years of age** by the start of the summer internship.

Entries for the 2006 contest must be postmarked no later than March 17, 2006.

Submit essays in standard English with a bibliography that must cite several different references (may include documented oral sources). Essays should be typed on 8 1/2 x 11 white paper, double-spaced and not to exceed 750 words.

Submit a coversheet (see website) followed by two copies of the essay.

There should be **NO** identifying information on the essay except for the title.

Each essay should be the original work of the student who enters.

For more information about the essay contest, go to www.swaebr.org or

email: swaebr@ahsc.arizona.edu or call (520)621-3931

Grace reported that we have received a request from the AALAS Foundation to donate an item for their annual silent auction. The

Annual Silent Auction helps raise funds to support educational outreach on the essential role of responsible laboratory animal care and use. The board agreed to have Michael Rand and Past President April Wagner make the purchase again this year and mail it to AALAS by October 7.

Dr. Rand reported that we did not get any requests from the multiple emails concerning the Leadership Academy at the National Meeting in St. Louis in November.

Grace reported that it was mentioned at the last SwAEBR board meeting that AZAALAS should probably find a replacement for Dr Martin as representative to allow him to represent another of his many institutions and bring some new blood to the board. April was suggested and she will check with her supervisor to see if she can accept.

Grace reported that Raffle ticket and requests for donations have gone out with the Nomination for Officer forms. She will continue to send reminders via the listserv and post updates of items donated to the website. Tickets will be due by November 30 to allow for late arrivals in the mail. Dr. Martin will be asked to be emcee for the event which will be held at his house on December 2.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

In the Coming Year

By Mark Suckow, DVM
National AALAS President

I am often amazed at how quickly time seems to pass, and I know that my year as the 2006 AALAS president will come and go more quickly than I expect. Still, I am optimistic that this coming year will be long enough to be fruitful. Opportunities abound and we are well positioned to take advantage!

Our certification and education programs are strong and flourishing; our periodicals are growing and well respected; and our membership is energized. I am sometimes asked what is AALAS' position on various issues related to

the use of animals in research, teaching, and testing. Indeed, AALAS has official positions on a number of issues; but at its heart, AALAS is about action, not position. In this regard, it is my hope to initiate action in two particular areas over the coming year.

A major focus of AALAS is education that helps to promote the humane care and use of laboratory animals. We fulfill our educational mission very well and have been exceptionally successful in this regard. In doing this, though, we must be careful to remain a strong member of the scientific world, to maintain strong connections with the broader community of scientists. So that our scientific programs might become even better, I have charged the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) with development of a strategic plan for science within AALAS. It is my hope that this plan will lay the foundation not only for strong science within AALAS, but also for enhancing our bridge to scientists who have not yet recognized the strength in the partnership that AALAS offers. AALAS should be a place where research and education not only co-exist, but mutually reinforce one another to create a very powerful whole.

Those who oppose the noble work we do in support of the advancement of human and animal health are strong in numbers and dollars. Too often, policies that negatively impact our important work are the result of misinformation provided to legislators and decision makers. Yet, we are a chorus of 11,000 voices and we should be heard. Within AALAS there exists a tremendous breadth of expertise and concern for the proper and humane care and use of laboratory animals, making our organization an obvious source of relevant information and opinion. Toward the goal of building a strong link between AALAS and those charged with responsible policymaking, an ad hoc Government Relations Committee has been created to explore the extent to which AALAS might play a role in this area and to propose an

effective mechanism by which AALAS might undertake such an effort. It is my expectation that this committee will provide direction to our organization in a way that will allow us to positively impact the legislated world in which we live and work.

Already, several days into my presidency I feel the moments vanishing, the precious time eroding. But surrounded by 11,000 enthusiastic colleagues, I also feel the energy mounting. I look forward to a productive and exciting year!

Redesigned AALAS Learning Library Launches

The AALAS Learning Library (ALL) has received a facelift, as well as many other enhancements for easier navigation. Login and menu pages have been revised, but the basic structure and operation of the site remain unchanged so your courses, exams, transcripts, group management, and all other utilities will operate the same.

A new feature, called training tracks, has been added. These are courses organized by job function— Technician Certification Preparation; Animal Care and Husbandry; Animal Use Methodologies; Occupational Health and Safety; Regulatory and IACUC Compliance; Management; Training; and Animal Health, Disease, and Medicine. The same free courses are still available in a Free Courses track, and of course, you can view all courses together on the All Courses track.

Try a free demo today at www.aalaslearninglibrary.org.

Let us know what you think about the new layout and design!

Technician Certification Tips By Cristi Mann

Get the Latest Version - Are you thinking of applying to take a certification exam? Before you apply, please download a new copy of the

Technician Certification Handbook, which contains the updated application form. New versions of each were posted online in November.

Updates are made through the year as program information changes or as clarifications are needed. Recently revised items include:

- Eligible work experience includes quality assurance related to animal research or testing, and IACUC functions related to laboratory animal science.
- The *Clinical Textbook for Veterinary Technicians* and the *Merck Veterinary Manual* were removed from the LAT and LATG reference list, effective August 1.
- Instructions were added to the handbook (and the Authorization to Test letter) for obtaining a confirmation statement for an exam appointment at a testing center.
- The AALAS Core Values Statement and the Code of Ethics were added to the assurance statement signed by the candidate in the application form.

The Importance of Contact Information - When completing your AALAS Technician Certification exam application, please provide the correct contact information for fax numbers and addresses—both home and business—to ensure that your Authorization to Test letter is delivered promptly. It is especially important to provide a fax number on your application, as AALAS will fax a copy of your Authorization to Test Letter upon approval of your application. You may call and schedule your appointment the day you receive this letter. If no fax number is provided you will receive only a mailed copy of the letter. Your Authorization to Test letter has instructions for you to schedule a test and blanks for you to write information about your exam appointment. Present your Authorization to Test letter at the test center when you go take your exam.

(AALAS in Action, 12/05)

TBR Corner with Cindy Madura

AALAS Journals Now Open Access - With the redesign of the AALAS web site, *Comparative Medicine* and *Contemporary Topics in Laboratory Animal Science* (which will become the *Journal of the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science* beginning with the January 2006 issue) are now open access journals. All visitors to aalas.org, regardless of membership status or level, may view journal articles six months old or older for free without logging in. For recent articles, AALAS member benefit levels still apply. Gold AALAS members have access to *Comparative Medicine*, *Contemporary Topics/JAALAS*, *Tech Talk*, and *AALAS in Action* online; silver members have access to *Contemporary Topics/JAALAS*, *Tech Talk*, and *AALAS in Action*; and bronze members have access to *Tech Talk* and *AALAS in Action*. The latest issue of each publication can be accessed from the home page using the current issue quick links; go to the advanced search page to search the archives. For additional information on members benefits, please visit <http://www.aalas.org/association/membership.asp>. Open access to the AALAS journals contributes to a successful scientific research community while expanding readership. AALAS is excited to offer this service to its web site users.

If you have any questions that I can answer be sure to contact me at madurac@u.arizona.edu

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Ignoring Chemical Safety Precautions Can Lead to Disaster

A wide variety of chemicals are used and stored in laboratory animal research facilities. Improper storage or misuse of these chemicals can result in extremely hazardous conditions ranging from pressurized containers to the creation of a toxic gas.

Upon receiving chemical drums, technicians should be certain to inspect the container for any damage or staining that might indicate the container has been compromised. The next step is to move the storage containers into a temperature- and access-controlled area to avoid over-heating or access by untrained personnel.

When dispensing chemicals, be certain to follow the manufacturer's instructions regarding protective gear and always label the containers. If you are reusing containers, be careful to never mix chemicals. Even a small amount of common household bleach can create an intense exothermic reaction and release of toxic gas when added to a quaternary ammonium-based cleaner.

For more information on chemical safety, contact the manufacturer of the chemical in question. You can also find information about responding to chemical hazards at the Office of Response and Restoration's web site. The site includes a downloadable worksheet that allows you to safely see what would happen if you mixed certain chemicals together. The web address is <http://response.restoration.noaa.gov/chemaids.html>

Common Compressed Gases Pose Hazardous Risks in Animal Facilities

Most research facilities utilize cylinders of compressed gases for a variety of operations and are aware of the inherent physical and chemical hazards they pose. Misuse can create a destructive rocket, a fragmentation bomb, or exposure to corrosive or toxic fumes. If you've spent any time in areas where compressed gas is used or stored, it's likely you can easily recite many of the safety regulations as you would the Pledge of Allegiance. For example, cylinders must be stored upright and secured with

appropriate chains or their equivalent, they must be transported using cylinder carts, and valves must be protected with metal caps in transit and storage.

Did you also know that regulations mandate that oxidizing gas, such as oxygen, must never be stored near oil, grease, or cylinders of flammable gas? These materials, in the presence of an oxidizer such as oxygen, ignite more easily and burn much more quickly to create significant fire that would be extremely difficult to extinguish. A minimum distance of 20 feet or a 5-foot-high, non-combustible barrier should always separate oxidizing gas cylinders from those containing flammable gases.

For additional information, please see the National Fire Protection Agency Standard for the Storage, Use, and Handling of Compressed and Liquefied Gases in Portable Cylinders, 2004.

Rx for Mice: Take Enrichment and Call Me in the Morning

By Naomi Gaskin

As a veterinary technician student at LaGuardia Community College, I served as an intern at the

New York State Psychiatric Institute. Under the supervision of Dr. Mohamed Osman, director of Comparative Medicine, I conducted a small, two-phase informal study involving mouse environmental enrichment.

In the first phase, I evaluated the effectiveness of several enrichment devices. I used three different flavored nylon chew bones, two different colored tunnels, two different colored igloo shaped houses, and a life-sized rubber mouse. My goal was to identify a device that satisfied the widest range of the following species-specific behaviors - gnawing, running, bedding mounding, huddling, exploring vertical space, and seeking darkness. I used only one device per shoebox cage, which housed sentinel mice. Mice were both singularly and group housed.

The mice approached all of the newly placed objects in the same way. They circled the object, and sniffed it from afar at first, but gradually drew closer and eventually piled mounds of bedding around it. Within an hour, they were having physical contact with the object.

Over the course of two weeks, I observed the following.

- Nylon bones had evidence of gnawing, but were gradually ignored.
- The mice ran through the tunnels or stood on top of them to reach food pellets, but left them as soon as the tunnel moved.
- The toy mouse was quickly shredded, starting with the "whiskers," and was thus rendered subsequently unusable.
- Mice, whether alone or in a group, had constant interaction with the houses. They went in and out through the doorways, mounded bedding around them, nibbled on the edges of the doorways, huddled together inside or partially inside and looked out the doorways, and stood on top of the doorways to reach food pellets or explore vertical space.
- Mice were more easily observed in the amber houses than the red ones.

For the second phase of the experiment, the facility ordered several boxes of amber houses, autoclaved them, and made them

available for researchers to place and remove at their own discretion. I continued to use them for selected sentinel mice, and animal caretakers used some upon approval from researchers. Investigator permission should always be sought before using new enrichment items, as these items can be confounding variables, especially in research studies involving metabolism, immune responses, and learning and memory. Some researchers declined to use them.

I continued to observe the mice for eight additional weeks and noted no adverse effects on mice placed with a house. Mice that were previously barbered appeared to be regrowing hair, as has been reported by other studies. The fighting that commonly takes place when a new male is introduced into an established group containing a male stopped when a house was placed. Mice appeared to do less circling, obsessive grooming and fighting, and to be more purposefully active.

These observations suggest that the use of these houses for mouse environmental enrichment is a positive and humane addition to many research protocols. While the use of such enrichment items is not always a possibility, there are several situations in which they can be considered for therapeutic benefits—even if they are not intended to be a permanent cage fixture.

These situations include:

- during the stabilization period for newly housed mice;
- for post-surgery recovery and warmth;
- in cages where the population is reconstituted, including mice that are to be euthanized; and
- following cage cleaning to help prevent stress and stress-related aggression.

(Tech Talk, 12/05)

PETA Not So Innocent

By: Alex Stechschulte (*Junior in sociology and criminology at OSU*)

As I was walking to class the other day, I noticed an interesting flyer on one of many keyosks on campus. The flyer was from the eco-terrorist/animal rights group, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. The mere fact that this organization is promoting itself on campus infuriated me. Now, do not get me wrong, I am all for free speech in every possible form, however, knowing that there is a Columbus chapter of this organization, and that Ohio State students are probably very active in the group, made me question the intelligence of my university contemporaries.

Listen up; PETA is quite possibly one of the most worthless and unknowledgeable activist groups in the country. Their mission is to establish and protect the rights of all animals. Their main principle is that animals are not ours to eat, wear, experiment on, or use for our entertainment. Sorry PETA, but I got a little problem with your mission, animals do not have rights nor should they. I am not advocating torturing animals here, but anytime the rights of an animal interfere with its use for humans, there is something illogical going on. Animals are here for our benefit and for our utility, plain and simple. If we gave animals all the rights that PETA thought they should have, we would more or less lose our position on top of the food chain, and be living like vegetarian, unclothed, cavemen.

The first principle of PETA is that animals are not ours to eat. Well, I am pretty sure they are. In the wild animals kill and eat other animals, it is a natural law of nature. What is so unnatural and wrong with humans eating a steak or pork chops? Last time I checked the cow, chicken and the pig are only around because we domesticated for food. However, PETA believes we are infringing upon the rights of the animals by eating them, but again their sole purpose for being alive is to be eaten. If we do not eat them there will be no more cow, chicken, and pig, these species will cease to exist, because there will be no point in having them in farms across America. I do not know about you,

but I cannot remember the last time I saw wild chickens in the streets of Columbus.

The second principle of PETA is that animals are not ours to wear. If we had always followed this principle, there would not have been clothes since, oh say the late 1700's because of the invention of the cotton gin and then synthetic fabric. For thousands of years humans would have been walking around wearing nothing at all. No wool pants, no animal skin togas, nothing, everybody in their birthday suits. Granted I would be all for women walking around naked today, but it might get a tidbit nippy for them in the winter.

Perhaps the finest example of absurdity PETA tries to shove down our throats is that we do not have the right to test on animals. The president of PETA, Ingrid Newkirk, said even if animals tests provided a cure for AIDS, we would be against it. Yes we should not find cures for diseases because we might hurt animals.

Give me a break; animals need to be tested on, sometimes a live subject is just plain necessary. Is it not better to test on an animal then on a human being? According to PETA, no it is not; they would rather see 1000 dead cancer patients then a couple of dead monkeys.

Lastly, animals are not here for our entertainment. That means no more zoos, no circuses, no horseback riding, heck no pets at all. Again, where would the dog or the cat be without their use as pets? Out in the wild? Eaten by a predator? If we follow PETA's agenda though it is better for your pet cat Mittens to be killed by a pack of wolves than have its rights trampled on by being forced to live in a house.

Okay Alex, I see how PETA may have some poorly thought out views but they are no terrorists. Sorry reader, but think again. PETA has made countless financial donations to groups on the FBI's domestic terrorists list. PETA has published a pamphlet that offers advice on how to burn down a laboratory building. Also, a high-ranking PETA member, Bruce

Friedrich, has publicly said blowing up stuff and smashing windows is a great way to bring about animal liberation. Are these the views and actions of a harmless activist and awareness group, or are these the views of a dangerous and irrational terrorist sect, that will use any and all means to achieve their goals.

(The Lantern, 1/13/06)

UA Surgeon Lindsey, Korean War Vet, Dies By Jane Erikson

(AZAALAS was lucky enough to have Dr Lindsey as a dinner speaker in the past and are sad to hear the news of his passing.)

Dr. Douglas Lindsey, a respected UA trauma surgeon and emergency physician who commanded six MASH units in the Korean War, died. He was 86.

Usually seen with a cigar in his mouth — not lit, if he was around patients — Lindsey would downplay reports that he inspired the character of Col. Potter, the tough but beloved commander played by Harry Morgan on the "M*A*S*H" TV series.

Colleagues remembered Lindsey as a charismatic clinician and teacher who was loved and admired by students and patients. "Doug was absolutely unique," said Dr. Harvey Meislin, UA head of emergency medicine. "He wanted to teach and he wanted to be a doctor, and he was great at both. He probably affected the lives of every student who came through the medical school when he was here." Dr. Kenneth Iserson, a UA emergency physician, described Lindsey as "a brilliant guy, a mentor to anybody who was smart enough to keep up with him."

Lindsey was a risk-taker who in 1980 ended up in a Mexican hospital after crashing his plane when he was partially blind. He showed up in the University Medical Center ER one day after a chainsaw accident at home. He slipped while trimming a tree and the saw gashed his face, neck and torso. He appeared covered with blood and wrapped in towels, insisting that a

medical student be given the opportunity to practice suturing on his wounds. A plastic surgery team took him into the operating room instead.

The UA emergency medicine department logo includes a star because of the gold stick-on stars Lindsey handed out daily to students, nurses and doctors — anyone who did anything he considered commendable. "Medals count for a lot," Lindsey told The Arizona Daily Star in 1983. "Some commanders feel you should be very restrictive in giving medals. I feel you should be liberal. Now I'm not a general here, but when somebody does something that's worth a good word — when they did it with verve, or they did it under pressure, or they kept their cool and handled eight patients in an hour when the normal flow is four an hour — you know, after it's over you do something nice for them."

Wally Lindsey, who said she was supervising an Army hospital in Germany when she met her future husband, described him as "a kind man who loved his work. Everybody just adored him."

Lindsey carried around with him a sheet of paper filled with short notes on dozens of surgical topics. During a quiet moment in the ER, he would bring out the sheet and give a short lecture for the benefit of students and residents — students who are continuing their training after receiving their medical degrees.

He published the collection of lectures as "Simple Surgical Emergencies: A Cookbook of Recipes," in 1983. Lindsey earned his medical degree from Yale University in 1943, then spent 30 years with the Army, including his service with the Mobile Army Surgical Hospital units in South Korea. He joined the UA surgery department in 1973, serving as interim head of the department after the controversial firing of Dr. Erle Peacock Jr.

In 1980, Lindsey joined the faculty of the emergency medicine program. He retired after 12 years.

(AZ Daily Star, 1/5/06)



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