

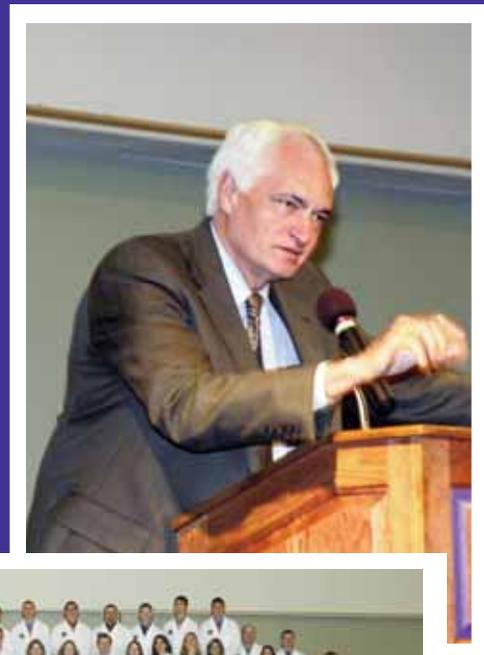
Kind Hearts, Caring Hands Day 2007

The CVM hosted a continental breakfast in the Practice Management Center. Faculty, students and visitors had the chance to start off the day by visiting with friends and enjoying a great meal.



On April 27, the CVM celebrated teaching and learning with the annual Kind Hearts, Caring Hands Day.

Events throughout the day included a continental breakfast, all-college convocation featuring Dr. Lowell Catlett (below), white coat ceremony and seniors' honors banquet.



The White Coat Ceremony represented the transition for third-year students to their final year of training. The class of 2008 took the oath of professionalism (above) and gathered for a group picture afterward. (right)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 4 Pet Trust Ice Cream Social -
3 p.m. north of Trotter Hall

May 11 Commencement - 3 p.m.
in McCain Auditorium

May 18 Faculty Meeting - 3 p.m.
in 301 Trotter Hall



American Association of Bovine Practitioners honors two CVM students

Curt Vogel and Sara McReynolds, third-year students, were announced as two of six winners in the American Association of Bovine Practitioners research competition.

They competed against 26 veterinary students from the United States and Canada.

Each participant was required to submit a paper that was judged on relevance to the industry and profession, interest to AABP members and writing style.

Vogel submitted a paper titled "Clinical Assessment and Adverse Health Outcomes in Feeder Cattle Treated for BRDC," after working on a research project with Dr. Dan Thomson, assistant professor in agricultural practices.

McReynolds worked with Dr. Brad White, assistant professor in clinical sciences, and wrote "Impacts of Pre-Conditioning Management Practices on Post-Weaning Morbidity."

Each winner will have expenses paid to travel to the AABP convention in Vancouver, British Columbia, in September, where they will each present their papers.

Dr. Powell interviewed by three national publications

Dr. Doug Powell, associate professor and scientific director of the Food Safety Network, shared his expertise with national newspapers concerning the E. coli outbreak in prepackaged spinach.

He discussed the final report of the investigation with USA Today, Salinas Californian and Chicago Sun-Times, as well as numerous blogs devoted to produce-related issues.

Dr. Powell traveled to Washington, D.C., to participate in an expert meeting on produce safety.

The event was organized by The Ohio State University. Dr. Powell gave two presentations — "The Produce Problem" and "Food Safety and the Law" — for the Missouri Food Protection Association.

Dr. Powell attended the Seventh Annual Developing Scholars Research Symposium in support of his scholar Miguel Martinez.

Brae Surgeoner, recent graduate from the University of Guelph, Canada, was chosen as Dr. Powell's new full-time research assistant.

SCAVMA elects new officers, plans Run 4 Rabies



Hello!

This has been a great year, and as the new SCAVMA president, I'm excited for the year ahead. We'll keep doing the same events and hope to get several new events in place. Please let me know if you have suggestions for the new SCAVMA board.

In March, about 120 students traveled to the SAVMA Symposium at NCSU in Raleigh. We all had a fun experience getting to meet students from other vet schools, attending the

events and seeing Baxter Black. Congrats to our SCAVMA Challenge Team (Nora Springer, Colette Conway, Alicia Smith and Steph Schneider) for winning first place! Also, K-State took home the plaque for first place in billiards. Congrats Matt Powers and Kent Williams.

Congrats as well to the CVM women's intramural basketball team for winning the university championship.

April has been a very busy month for SCAVMA. We had elections for about half of our board. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank each and every member of the 2006-2007 board for all of their hard work. Elliot Stevens did a great job, and I will do my best to keep the tradition going.

On April 20, we had our Annual End-of-the-Year BBQ and Kiss the Pig contest. Fortunately, the weather cooperated, and we had a nice sunny day for the barbecue.

Thank you to all who participated in this fundraiser. Together we raised more than \$600 for the Josh Project. The money will buy stuffed dogs named Josh and books explaining Josh's trip to the vet, surgery and recovery. These will be distributed to patients at

children's hospitals to help them cope.

The winner of the Kiss the Pig contest was Dr. Bob Larson. A close second place went to Dr. Cash, and Dr. Narayanan took third place.

SCAVMA's final event of the year was a quiz bowl on April 26, as a part of Kind Hearts, Caring Hands Day.

An event we are working on for next fall is Run 4 Rabies on Sept. 9. If you are interested in finding out more information about this event or helping out with it, please contact me.

Good luck getting through finals, have a great summer first and second years. Good luck to the third years in clinics, and congrats to the fourth years!

~ Nikki Dudley
SCAVMA President

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By Carol Elmore

Check it Out at the Library

Books help with the effects of pet loss

The loss or death of a beloved animal is usually a stressful and confusing time for everyone.

The Veterinary Medical Library has many resources that are helpful in providing guidance and information for this kind of emotional situation.

We have books on pet-loss prevention such as "The Complete Guide to Lost Pet Prevention and Recovery," which provides tips on protecting animals from being stolen or lost and books such as "Preparing for the Loss of your Pet," which suggests preparations for those who know the death of their pet is near.

Estate planning can also be of concern when a

person wants to provide for an animal's care in the event of their own death. A book such as "PerPETual Care: Who Will Look After Your Pets if You're Not Around," helps in making provisions for pets through legal means.

Many books, video tapes and DVDs in our collection address the topic of an animal's death and how to deal with these situations.

Titles such as "Journey

Through Pet Loss," "When Your Pet Dies," "Companion Animal Death" and "The Final Farewell" are representative of these many books.

We have books that are specifically geared toward children such as "Remembering Pets," "When a Pet Dies" by Mister Rogers and "Saying Goodbye to Your Pet."

We also have copies of dissertations, such as "Adult Adjustment to the Death of a Companion Animal," that report on current research on this subject.

Everyone is welcome to use our library, and we will help find materials to help in these difficult times.

UPDATE: Committee develops new Web site, pursues other diverse opportunities

The college diversity committee, at times in collaboration with the international committee, has been active the past year and a half, along with a number of individuals in the CVM and on the main campus. This would be a good time for a brief update.

The committee members this year are Jim Coffman, chair; David Biller; Meena Kumari and Sanjeev Narayanan.

Assisted by a Tilford Grant from the Office of the Provost, a Web site has been established. It's accessible at <http://www.vet.k-state.edu/diversity/index.htm>.

This Web site is, and always will be, a work in progress.

It is intended to be an information/communication center. Suggestions are welcome.

Note the link labeled "Pathways to Opportunities." This provides a sketch of the multiple means by which minority and first-generation individuals are being recruited and supported as preveterinary and veterinary medicine students.

A number of our faculty are doing a great job serving as mentors of the Developing Scholars Program (DSP), which is the critical link to students coming to K-State in preveterinary medicine.

The class of 2011 promises to be the most culturally diverse group in recent years.

It should be emphasized that none of this would be possible if it were not for the generous support of Hill's Pet Nutrition. Their support has been put forward in terms of money and personal commitment. This year 14

preveterinary medicine and biology students in the DSP and two students in the professional curriculum have been supported by Hill's.

Students in the college are actively pursuing a new club under the SAVMA umbrella to organize and energize multicultural education. The students clearly recognize the changing nature of the world in which they will serve as professional veterinarians.

For several years, Associate Dean Elmore has administered the Myers-Briggs test to first-year students. This has been valuable to individual students and to gaining a sense of the distribution of personalities within the various classes.

The diversity committee has been working with Dr. Elmore and Dr. Be Stoney, associate professor in the

College of Education, in assessing the usefulness of a survey dealing with cultural self-awareness.

Dr. Elmore plans to add that survey to the Myers-Briggs test to expand the characterization of incoming students.

Plans also are in the works to provide an opportunity at the departmental level for each faculty member to take the Myers-Briggs and cultural self-awareness surveys, providing individuals an opportunity for self-assessment.

It also will provide an opportunity to compare the overall characteristics of the faculty with those of incoming students.

Anonymous composite data could be used for reference by the individuals who took the tests.

60th birthday celebration



The staff members of the Instructional Technology Center threw a 60th birthday party for their director, Linda Johnson.

They served cake and punch on March 30 in the Practice Management Center.

Many of Linda's friends from the CVM stopped by to offer her birthday wishes.

World Rabies Day

A group of veterinary students and members of the Rabies Lab are currently planning local events for World Rabies Day on Sept. 8.

The Alliance for Rabies Control is supporting this event, and Susan Moore and Jim Hackworth are on the international core planning committee.

Look for more information in upcoming issues of *Lifelines*.

CVM News Ticker

Kamesh Reddy, graduate student under Dr. Roman Ganta, was the recipient of the 2007 Alvin and RosaLee Sarachek Predoctoral Honors Fellowship in Molecular Biology. He will receive \$15,000 to cover research and postdoctoral expenses.

Andrea Moran, animal science tech I, passed the AALAS Assistant Laboratory Animal Technician exam.

Mark Minihan, animal science tech I, passed the AALAS Assistant Laboratory Animal Technician exam.

Gujan Gakhar, graduate student under Dr. Thu Nguyen, was presented the Graduate Research Assistant of the Year award by Golden Key Honor Society on April 15.



Richard Daub (center), the first U.S.-based reporter for Animal Pharm magazine, visited K-State on April 12. He toured the VMTH, Biosecurity Center and NISTAC and talked with Dr. Lisa Freeman, associate dean of research and graduate affairs, and Dr. Mike Apley, associate professor of production medicine.



Dr. Bob Larson, clinical sciences, was the lucky winner of the Kiss the Pig contest at SCAVMA's annual end-of-the-year barbeque on April 20.

Relay for Life team raises funds for cancer patients

Relay for Life is an event sponsored by the American Cancer Society taking place in communities all over the country. The purposes of the relay are to honor people who have battled cancer and to raise money for research.

This year the KSU Relay for Life was held April 20-21 from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. at the Old Stadium. The CVM team was comprised of 11 students: Yaicha Peters, Michaela Rawalt, Nan Mueller, Stephanie Schneider, Chris Potanas, Heather Burekhardt, C.W. Seitz, Jessica Knudsen, Naomi Wheeler, Megan Stark and team captain Charissa Wood.



They started individual fundraising in February, and in March, they held a two-week bake sale to reach their goal of \$2,000.

The team fundraising total came to \$3,147.20, the highest of all the teams participating. Overall, Kansas State University raised more than \$56,600 for the 2007 KSU Relay for Life.

Cat club to host feline competition and donate proceeds to local shelter

The Little Apple Cat Fanciers, a chartered club of the American Cat Fanciers Association, will be holding their Seventh and Eighth Annual International Championship and Household Pet Cat Show on May 26 and 27 at Portoff Hall in Cico Park.



The show is open to the public each day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Purrfect Paws Inc., a local feline rescue, rehabilitation and adoption group, will receive \$1 from each ticket sold.

Various breeds of cats will be on exhibit, and vendors will be selling feline-related goods.

For more information about attending the show or exhibiting your cat, please contact Amy Hanson at 785-456-9429 or ahanson@vet.k-state.edu.