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Dean's Report

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Discussion

The diagnosis of atrophic rhinitis in swine can be made by a practical cultural technique. Although the procedure in a large number of swine can be quite tedious, accurate results can be attained. Nasal swabs streaked onto MacConkey's agar and incubated at 37°C will produce colonies in 48 hours if the animal is positive. In an additional 24 hours positive proof can be attained by results of various reagents, namely Simmon's citrate, urea, litmus milk, lactose and dextrose. Three cultures taken one to two weeks apart are recommended to avoid the miss of an affected animal. Positive reactors then can be eliminated or segregated from the rest of the herd.

REFERENCES


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These are difficult times for all in higher education due to concerns about the Vietnam war, relevancy, finances, faculty salaries, funding of building programs, equipment and supply budgets.

At times like these I am truly thankful that I am a member of the Veterinary Medical Profession; thankful for our outstanding students, faculty, alumni; thankful for the support of the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association and the American Veterinary Medical Association.

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We are revising our construction grant application to take advantage of the multipurpose provisions of the new health-related facilities act and to request that the federal government share in the escalating construction costs. I am confident of securing their approval of our application. We have to wait anyway until the court tests the constitutionality of the bonding procedure for financing buildings at the Regents' institutions. I am still hopeful we can let contracts for bids next June or July.

As a part of the re-application, I was required to state our educational philosophy. I am presenting my statement here for your consideration:

The traditional motto of Iowa State University has been “Science with Practice.” This philosophy is existent today with an added feature of “new humanism,” a reference to the fact that man must first understand himself before he understands others. Emphasis is placed upon our faculty upon society and its needs and the fact that members of the health professions team must be oriented toward service to society rather than service to oneself.

Education is considered a team effort, a partnership between the teacher and the student. Emphasis is placed upon preparing students for a lifetime of learning from their environment. Efforts are continually being made to review and assess the teaching, curriculum, and progress being made by our students since teaching has not been accomplished if the students haven't learned anything. Faculty members are constantly continuing their own learning through attendance at seminars, research, and faculty improvement leaves of three months, six months, or a year in duration.

We feel the essential ingredient in an educational environment is the intelligent, talented, motivated, and energetic student. The catalyst is the similarly intelligent, talented, motivated, and energetic teacher who likes and understands students and who knows his subject matter. The product of this educational equation is a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine who is a lifetime student of his environment and who is dedicated to service above self.

You are undoubtedly aware of the financial problems facing this University this biennium. These concerns have been the subject of numerous discussions at the College, University, Regent, and Legislative levels. We, in the College, are concerned about the impact that two years of austere financing will have on our equipment and current expense budgets. We cannot have these budgets continue at their present levels because if they do, it will make it nearly impossible for us to maintain a high quality professional educational program here in face of ever increasing costs for items of equipment and supplies. We are also concerned about the services our Veterinary Medical College will be able to provide our profession and the animal industry in the future because of the possible financial restrictions imposed upon this University. I would be pleased to discuss these concerns with you at any time. I am sure that the majority of the citizens of this state do not wish to seriously handicap their Universities. Your University, your College, and your future professional colleagues, our present and future students, are being affected by discussions and decisions being made relative to the financial needs of Iowa State University. I felt an obligation to report our concerns to you.

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Dean