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dent will have after graduation and the length of time a student will be repaying their loans. For example, a student who has a debt of \$50,000 will pay \$613 a month and \$23,592 in interest over the standard ten year repayment period. Students who have a monthly loan payment, that when combined with their monthly expenses, exceeds their after-tax income may have to request a longer repayment period. This will greatly increase the amount of interest they pay over the life of the loan. They could extend their repayment period and pay \$350 a month, but they would pay \$75,708 in interest, \$75,000 more than the original loan. Unfortunately, vet med students ability to repay the loan is severely limited by generally low starting salaries. The average starting salary for the 1997-98 graduating class

was \$38,812. This breaks down to approximately \$2,600 per month after taxes. After a loan payment of \$631, the student is left with \$1,975 to live on and support their family. The average loan indebtedness is 128% of the average starting salary. That isn't exactly a rosy future, is it?

Scholarships and awards are essential to many vet med students in their struggle to pay for their education. However, more support is needed. The number of recipients has increased from just a few before 1950 to 186 this year. The total amount of scholarships and awards exceeds \$177,000. As tuition costs continue to rise, support through awards and scholarships is essential. This support will allow more students to be able to afford a DVM degree from Iowa State without mortgaging their futures. ♦

**Authors' Note:** President Bill Clinton signed legislation in October of this year that allows former students who consolidate student loan debt by Jan. 31, 1999, through the Federal Direct Consolidation Loan program to receive a lower interest rate (7.46%). Students who consolidate through this program can expect to save about \$50 per \$1,000 of debt. After Jan. 31, consolidation is still an option, but the interest rate cap rises to 8.25%. There is no consolidation fee and no minimum or maximum loan balance required. At least one Federal Direct or Federal Family Education loan must be included in the consolidation, but there is no requirement to consolidate all student loans. To request a loan consolidation application, call 800-557-7392. Applications also can be downloaded from the Direct Loan Web site. ([www.ed.gov/DirectLoan](http://www.ed.gov/DirectLoan))

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Each year since 1970, Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine has recognized its most distinguished alumni with the Stange Award for Meritorious Service in Veterinary Medicine. Named in honor of Charles H. Stange, who was the dean of the college from 1909 to 1936, it is the highest award given by the College of Veterinary Medicine to its alumni. The Stange Award is given to recognize alumni for their outstanding achievement in the areas of education, government, industry, practice, or other professional endeavors in veterinary medicine. The recipients of the 1998 Stange Award are Dr. William J. McEniry, Dr. Keith W. Prasse, and Dr. Dale G. Martin.

Dr. McEniry, Class of 1960, is the

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president of Ashton Veterinary Clinic, P. C., a mixed animal practice, and he has owned it since 1962. He has been very active in the AVMA serving on the Strategic Planning Committee & House Advisory committee from 1985 to 1992, serving as the chair from 1989 to 1990. From 1993 to the present, he has served as the AVMA treasurer. In 1997, Dr. McEniry served as the president of the Illinois Veterinary Medical Association (ISVMA) and from 1982 to 1983, was the chairman of the Board of Directors, which he has been on since 1975. In 1990, he received the ISVMA's President's Award. He was also a member of the Northern Illinois Veterinary Medical Association Executive Board from 1969 to 1976, serving as president in 1975. In addition to his leadership among his professional colleagues, Dr. McEniry has been a mentor for students

in the D.V.M. program at the University of Illinois. He was president of the Ashton Community School Board from 1985 to 1991, and founded the Ashton Education Foundation.

Dr. Prasse, a 1965 graduate, is the dean of the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine. He has been recognized as a teacher and faculty member several times, receiving the College of Veterinary Medicine Faculty Recognition Award from the University of Georgia three times and the Norden Distinguished Teacher Award from Iowa State University in 1972, and from University of Georgia in 1977. He is certified in both veterinary pathology and veterinary clinical pathology and is a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists. He served as president of the ACVP in 1985, and has been a member and chair of the Examination Committee for that organization. He is also the co-author of a clinical pathology textbook and has extensive publications in scholarly journals and books.

Dr. Dale G. Martin, Class of 1977, has been the director of the Division of Veterinary Medicine at Walter Reed Army Institute of Research in Washington, DC

since 1993, where he planned new construction and renovations leading to the first ever accreditation for Walter Reed's laboratory animal research facilities. As a Colonel, he holds the highest rank possible in the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps. From 1991 to 1993, he was Chief of the Veterinary Medicine & Laboratory Resources Division of the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense. In the mid 1980's, he became the first Veterinary Corp officer to command three separate field units in Europe and was chosen to plan, direct, and execute comprehensive veterinary support for the largest exercise in NATO's history. In 1988, he became the youngest Veterinary Corps officer to receive the Order of the Military Medical Merit from the Army Surgeon General. Early in his career, Dr. Martin's innovative research led NASA to invite him to be a primary investigator in studies probing aspects of weightlessness. He has made other significant research accomplishments in medical defense against biological warfare toxins, health effects of blast overpressure and toxic gases associated with army weapon systems, aspects of laboratory animal medicine, and in other areas. ♦



Stange Award Recipients (Left to right) Dr. Martin, Dr. Prasse, and Dr. McEniry with Dr. Richard Ross, Dean of the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine.