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THE STUDENT READING ROOM is the private library for the veterinary students. It consists of collections of books and magazines purchased by student funds, donations, memorial gifts and complimentary subscriptions obtained by the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association at Iowa State University. The committee attempts to obtain all commonly used books and magazines for use by the students. The availability of these texts, magazines and reference books is of value to the students for assigned outside readings and for browsing in the minutes available between classes and other spare time.

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The function of the Reading Room is to introduce students to new books, professional journals and reference books that are available. The books and magazines are selected and procured by a committee composed of four students and three faculty members. A student member is selected as a freshman in the college and his appointment is for four years. The first two years are spent learning about books and magazines. The third year the junior student is the secretary-treasurer of the committee. Faculty advisors with experience in other school libraries are selected by the committee and approved by the Dean. The advisors help and guide in the selection of books and equipment and relate ideas gained from their previous experience. Our equipment is obtained through Dean Merchant. This includes tables, chairs, magazine racks and book cases. Without this equipment it would be impossible for the committee to function on its limited budget.

The development of the Reading Room was suggested by a national A.V.M.A. committee on education. It would be a poor arrangement if a student had to walk three blocks to the central university library to look up basic material for reports or for clinical work. With the Reading Room, this material is easily obtainable and frequently used by the students. Also, many students attend college on a very limited budget and the Reading Room is exceptionally valuable to them for outside reading material. Many students depend on purchases of new books by the Reading Room so they may appraise a book before they purchase it for their personal library.

The Reading Room is not a new project, but it has been only in the last few years that the financial state has been such that an attempt could be made to obtain most of the books in the veterinary field. Thanks to contributions, gifts, memorials and student funds, the Reading Room has become increasingly valuable to the students. As the financial growth increases, valuable human medical literature and texts will be added for reference purposes.

Subscriptions to over one-hundred magazines and journals furnish a broad supplement to the volumes of books. We have the A.V.M.A. Journal bound and shelved back to 1914 and the Research Journal back to 1940. Editions of Veterinary Medicine and Modern Veterinary Practice date back many years also. Agricultural publications such as the Farm Journal, U.S.D.A. material and breed magazines are all available. Scientific journals such as the Mayo Clinic Bulletin, all veterinary professional journals, all veterinary college publications and a few English journals are currently available. The student who spends time browsing through this source of information finds his time very well spent.

Finance, of course, plays a vital role in maintaining the constant additions of publications to the shelves of the Reading Room. The I.S.U. Veterinary Medical Alumni Association and the Student A.V.M.A. both make an annual contribution. Additional monetary and book contributions can be made to the reading room in the form of memorials or gifts from alumni and friends. It may be said that the reading room is in its adolescent stage in respect to size. This may be attributed to both its youth and operating capital. These gifts which are given are tax deductible but certainly add to the student’s gain in knowledge and further education.

Proper nutritional maintenance of the dry dairy cow is an important but neglected measure in dairy husbandry that veterinarians should point out whenever the occasion permits.

Child psychologists agree that homes with small pets do not produce juvenile delinquents. A child’s sense of responsibility (care, feeding, etc.) toward a small living creature helps to build life-long character.