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To The Centennial Veterinary Class of 1979:

Greetings to our most recent alumni scattered from east to west and north to south throughout the U.S.A. We are convinced that your community is already aware of your constructive activities and that the future will record your achievements and accomplishments of great importance to mankind. As you have been the recipients of a rich veterinary heritage, posterity challenges your endeavors to meet the high standards of service, productivity, and creativity that society deserves and expects from our veterinary profession.

We note with special interest the history of your class. You were the last class to roam the corridors of the old veterinary quadrangle; to relax, to visit, and to devour those sack lunches in the fall and spring in the beautiful court yard; to experience overcrowded laboratories and lecture rooms; to be wary of those robust and intimidating Periplaneta americana scurrying in all directions as you descended the ramp to locker rooms and other animal quarters; to enjoy a Coke in the Memorial Union at unspecified times; and to squeeze into the small reading room (the basement library) for study purposes (primarily) and the student carrels for review of facts with understanding.

Then you moved from the old quarters to the new facility only to find that you had to sit on the floor of the student lobby to eat your lunch, but complaints from your class we have not heard. Your last 3 years were spent in the new facility. You are the only class that will ever graduate on the 100th birthday of our college. Therefore, it was most appropriate, timely, and befitting for your class to donate more than $1,000.00 to purchase the acrylic painting, “A Century of Veterinary Medicine” by Dean Biechler representing the 100th anniversary of the ISU College of Veterinary Medicine. The Class of 1979 name plate will be attached to this historical art piece.

Your moral and financial support to the College of Veterinary Medicine and the Dr. J. E. Salsbury Foundation Challenge Fund are gratefully acknowledged. Best personal regards to the one and only Centennial Class of 1979. We expect you to return before our bicentennial birthday.

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