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Faced with the prospect of entering a competitive job market, Iowa State University Student Chapter of the AVMA saw a need to market new graduates more aggressively by actively seeking out job opportunities and guiding Seniors to them. Furthermore, SCAVMA also sees a need to give practitioners a system that is easy to access and one that will respond to their inquiries with immediately suitable candidates for job openings.

Utilizing computer technology, SCAVMA developed a non-profit computer placement matching service to aid the graduating senior and practitioner during the Fall of 1987. The computer program works by matching the student job interests to the type of job openings the practitioner has available. For the past two years, we have been using a student's personal computer to run the matching program. But we realized that SCAVMA itself would need a computer system to further expand and improve our computer service. But since SCAVMA is a non-profit organization, the funds were not available to procure such a system. As a result, SCAVMA with the aids of Wayne A, Ostendorf, of Administrative Data Processing of ISU, wrote a proposal to Hewlett Packard Corporation to donate a computer system to our organization.

Upon considering our proposal, Hewlett Packard graciously donated a computer system on April 14, 1989. The computer system includes: color monitor, 40MB disk drive, laser printer and software (Word Perfect, MS-DOS, Lotus 1-2-3, Aldus Pagemaker, R. Base System V and Advance Write). Hewlett Packard and Administrative Data Processing donated over $10,000 worth of equipment to our student group to allow SCAVMA to continue its placement service. Furthermore, SCAVMA has over 24 other committees which will directly use and benefit from us having such a computer system. As a result of Hewlett Packard’s generosity, SCAVMA will be able to offer a better placement service to students and practitioners.

To participate or obtain more information on Computer Placement Service, contact: SCAVMA Computer Placement Service, Student Services Office, College of Veterinary Medicine, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa 50011.

From left to right:
Wayne Ostendorf, Director of Administrative Data Processing; Dr. Roger Hogle, Associate Dean - College of Veterinary Medicine; John Kassing, HP representative; Jack Creel, SCAVMA computer placement; Jim Murcer, HP representative.

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