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I think everyone is amazed at how fast this semester has gone by. Hosting SAVMA Symposium 2001 was a great honor and an excellent opportunity to showcase Iowa State and all it has to offer. On the other hand, as most of the VM3's and any of the students who were involved in the planning stages will tell you, it's an unbelievable amount of work. It requires a huge cooperative effort and strong leadership on many levels. Fortunately, the present student body was more than up to the task.

Even as we were planning how to best show off our school during Symposium, we also began thinking about how we could improve our school for the event. After having the same interior decor for 25 years, the vet school got a whole new look with just some new furniture, a few plants, some new paint, and rearranging some of the artwork. It was a good reminder to me that we should always be striving to improve, both personally and professionally. Every trial we go through should be a character building experience, and everyone knows that after graduation is when the learning really starts.

Symposium is definitely something to be proud of, but I hope that it will spur us on to even greater things. I encourage everyone to think about what we need to make ISU CVM even better than it already is. That is my wish for our school, for myself, for this publication, and for each of you.

Despite the hard work and sleepless nights, I have enjoyed being editor for the ISU Veterinarian this year. Without a doubt, I have learned an incredible amount. Once again I thank my staff, our advisor Dr. Ackermann, and you, our readers. I hope you enjoy it!♦

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