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STUDENT NEWS

Borden Scholarship Award

The Borden Scholarship Award in veterinary medicine was presented to Harry Yoder, Jr. at the annual Fall Banquet for the Division of Veterinary Medicine at Iowa State College. The award of $300, given to the student who has achieved the highest scholastic record of all the students in his field, was presented by Dean I. A. Merchant. Harry, who is from Mount Morris, Ill., graduated from high school in 1946, and received his B.S. degree in Agriculture from the University of Illinois in 1950. While at Iowa State College, Mr. Yoder has become a member of Phi Zeta and Phi Kappa Phi.

Phi Kappa Phi

One hundred eight undergraduate students, graduate students, and faculty members were initiated into Phi Kappa Phi, scholastic honorary, at an initiation banquet April 20. Three veterinary medical students were among those initiated. They are: George Beran, Riceville, Iowa; Harry Yoder, Mt. Morris, Ill.; and Ray Pahle, West Allis, Wis.

Phi Zeta

Gamma Chapter of Phi Zeta, national veterinary honor society, elected 25 men to membership on April 23, 1954. The new members include: juniors, Murray Fowler, Clarence Ching, Robert Cowger, Paul Nees, Rudolph Arneson, and Bruce Gradous; seniors, Allen Miyahara, George Beran, Leo Schmall, Wayne Faber, Howard Nicoll, Roger Ball, John Haromy, Edwin Branaman, Norris Hyde, William Rugger, Glenn Barrington, Gordon Thomas, Kenneth Turner, and Don McKenna; graduate student, Dr. James E. Lovell, Dept. of Anatomy; staff members, Dr. Elroy C. Jensen, Dept. of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery, and Dr. Lawrence E. Barnes, Dept. of Hygiene; and honorary members, Dr. Robert B. Mericle, (I.S.C. ’29), regional supervisor, Poultry Marketing Service, U.S.D.A., and Dr. Stanley L. Hendricks, (I.S.C. ’34), M.P.H. public health veterinarian, Iowa Department of Health.

Officers for next year will be: Dr. L. D. Jones, President; Murray Fowler, Vice President; and Dr. W. P. Switzer, Secretary-treasurer.

Alpha Zeta

Richard Baum, Clarence Ching, and Jim Yoder, third year veterinary medical students, were among the 24 students initiated into membership of Alpha Zeta, agriculture honorary fraternity, April 22. The selection of membership into Alpha Zeta is based on high scholarship, character, leadership, and personality. At a banquet following the initiation ceremonies, President James H. Hilton delivered an address exemplifying the importance of education and research in promoting the progress of Agriculture. Other veterinary medical students now active members of Alpha Zeta are: George Beran, Delmar Dierks, Wayne Faber, Henry Lyons, Allen Miyahara, Howard Nicoll, Wayne Brown, and Robert McClure.
Abattoir Tour

The senior veterinary class and Dr. Collier, instructor of Meat Hygiene, were guests of the Rath Packing Co., Waterloo, Iowa, on March 31, 1954. Transportation was provided by the students. The group convened at the plant at 9:30 a.m. where they were divided into groups of 12-15 and were conducted on an extensive tour of the plant.

The complete operation of killing of the various species of animals through the processing of the final product for wholesale or retail distribution was observed. Each group was under the competent supervision of a guide who pointed out special points of interest to the students. Two veterinary inspectors explained the various grades of meat by means of dressed carcasses.

After touring the plant, the groups gathered and had lunch in the plant cafeteria.

Following lunch, the group heard a short talk by Dr. Wood, inspector-in-charge, on the merits of a career in the Federal Meat Inspection Service. This was followed by a talk accompanied by colored slides on how to decrease losses to the packing industry and to the producer through bruising and poor handling of livestock.

The group adjourned after a short period of questions and answers; all feeling that the day had been well spent.

Fall Banquet

The annual Veterinary Medical Fall Banquet will be held Oct. 6, 1954, in the Memorial Union on campus. The group is fortunate to obtain Dr. A. H. Quin, president of the A. V. M. A., for an after-dinner speaker. Serving time is 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available at $1.85. Richard Baum, VM 3, is chairman; Robert Keirs, VM 3, is in charge of ticket sales; and John Conley, VM 3, is in charge of decorations.

Senior Class Statistics

Each year, for the past several years, the graduating class in Veterinary Medicine at Iowa State College has tabulated statistics about its members which have proven to be interesting. Here are the facts about the 1954 graduating class. Of the 60, 39 are veterans of the armed forces, having spent an average of 22 1/2 months in the various branches of the service, or a total of 86 years for the class. Thirty-six members of the class are married and have a total of 31 children. Ages of the class range from 22 to 33 years, with an average of 27 1/2.

Donald Allgood, VM 1, has been named winner of the Danforth Scholarship by the Division of Veterinary Medicine.

The fellowship is sponsored by the Danforth Foundation and the Ralston Purina Company of St. Louis Mo. The winner spends two weeks at the American Youth Foundation Leadership Camp at Stony Lake, Mich.

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MARRIAGES

Miss Lois Niebuhr to William Rugger at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on March 19, 1954. Mr. Rugger is a fourth-year student.

Miss Margery Oles to Scott Dickinson at Hinsdale, Ill., on March 20, 1954. Mr. Dickinson is a fourth-year student.

Miss Audrey Fink to Howard Haas at Conger, Minn., on March 19, 1954. Mr. Haas is a fourth-year student.

BIRTHS

A son, Tom W. was born April 19 to Mr. and Mrs. W. VanSteenbergen. Mr. VanSteenbergen is a third-year student.

A daughter, Linda Marie, was born April 7 to Mr. and Mrs. Jack DeVries. Mr. DeVries is a first-year student.

A son, Alan Frederick, was born April 27 to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Benson, Mr. Benson is a fourth-year student.