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Tragedy struck the senior class and the College of Veterinary Medicine with the death of Merrill B. Anderson on March 6, 1961. Merrill had been in ill health for the past year but had kept on working toward graduation.

Merrill was born Mar. 23, 1931, in Story County, Iowa. He graduated from Milford Township High School in 1949. Merrill was in the Navy from 1951 to 1954 during the Korean conflict in which he saw action. He entered Iowa State upon his return from the service. He was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity and a member of the cross country track team. Merrill enrolled in the College of Veterinary Medicine in 1957 and was an active member of the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association. He was also circulation manager for the Iowa State University Veterinarian. In the summer of 1958 he received his Bachelor of Science degree from Iowa State University. In the spring of 1956 he was married to Martha Peterson of Ames, Iowa. On November 1, 1958, a son, Lon Bruce, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Anderson.

Last summer Merrill worked for Drs. Mason and Boyer in Freeport, Illinois. Merrill is survived by his wife Martha, his son Lon, three sisters and one brother.

In memory of Merrill Anderson, the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association is establishing a fund to assist veterinary students in times of financial crisis.

During Merrill’s prolonged illness, it became evident that such a fund is needed at Iowa State.

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Phi Zeta Pledges Twenty Three

Both high scholastic standing and high personal standards are necessary to be eligible for membership in Phi Zeta, an honor society for both graduate and undergraduate students in the field of veterinary medicine.

Seniors must rank in the upper 25 percent of their class scholastically. Those meeting the requirements this year were Joseph Franklin Blass, Russell W. Chapin, William Wayne Coder, Carlos Ramon Gomez, Leon Leonard Henning, William V. Hobbie, David Ray Loudon, Richard F. Marshall, Wendell Mearl Petty, Dores Junior Ross, Vernon W. Seltrecht, James Joseph Sheldon, Gerald Herman Tepaske. Juniors must rank in the upper 10 percent of their class scholastically to be eligible. Those to reach the distinction this year were Gerald J. Crawley, Larry Burl Houser, Victor Klopfenstein, William Henry Maher, Marvin E. Rydberg and Donald John Tesdall.

Graduate student initiates were Dr. Fred C. Davidson, Dr. Conrad L'Ecuyer, and Dr. Richard B. Talbot.

One faculty member, Dr. R. W. Mohri, was initiated.

Senior active members are Robert Dean Glock, Gerald Gorton Gabel, Stanley James Harless, Francis James Judge, James Paul Miller and Richard Dean Spain.

Class of '62

A son, Michael Alan, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gonnerman on February 27, 1961.

A son, Mark Arend, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Klopfenstein on February 5, 1961. Klopfenstein was tapped by Cardinal Key on May 4, 1961.

Class of '63

Merritt W. Pitcher announced his engagement to Judy Innes. Judy is a student at I.S.T.C.

Roger Brown is engaged to Nancy Dunnham from Burwell, Nebraska.

Lyle and Ruth Hart were blessed with a daughter, Jane Belinda, on April 7, 1961.

A daughter, Stacey, was born to Timothy and Violet Lau on November 30, 1960.

Class of '64

David Lott announced his engagement to Sandra Hinrichs from York, Nebraska. Sandra is a Pi Beta Phi in C.D. II at Iowa State.

Leland F. Hodoval announced his engagement of February 7 to Judy Franck from Carnarvon, Iowa. Judy is a Delta Zeta in Science IV at Iowa State.

A son, Jeffrey Dean was born to Mr. and Mrs. Don Fick on March 3, 1961.

Juniors Take Summer Jobs

All members of the junior class will be gaining experience directly related to the veterinary profession this summer. Juniors who have made definite plans include: Larry Tadlock who will work with Stephenson Veterinary Clinic, Rockford Illinois; Walter Nimocks with Dr. James
Thone, Blair, Nebr.; Bill Snider with Dr. S. E. Trombley, Appleton, Wis.; Roger Boone with Dr. R. Anthony, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Don Tesdall with Dr. E. P. Smith, Slater, Iowa; Marv Nielson with Drs. Barrington and Langtin, Muscatine, Iowa; Cecil Lange with Drs. Dow and Swift, Ft. Madison, Iowa; A. F. Dale with Dr. C. M. Towers, Wyoming, Iowa; F. A. Barile with Las Tonas Animal Hospitals, San Gabriel, Calif.; V. L. Klopfenstein with Schobert Small Animal Hospital, Tampa, Florida; J. K. Burt with Aurora Veterinary Hospital, Aurora, Illinois; John Crissinger with Dr. J. R. Calhoon, Sherburn, Minn.; Marv Rydberg with Chapin Veterinary Clinic, Lena, Illinois; Tom Russell with Riser Animal Hospital, Skokie, Illinois; A. J. Pokorny with Drs. Brown and Jensen, Wayne, Nebr.; Ron Jensen with Dr. Bob Huff, Addison, Illinois; A. A. Stepan with Dr. J. P. Jorgenson, Forest City, Iowa; R. C. Huston with Drs. Davis, Smith and Herbold, Red Oak, Iowa; Jerry Petkus with Harvard Veterinary Clinic, Harvard, Illinois; Bill Thomsen with Dr. J. C. McCaulley, Lake City, Iowa; L. R. Hansen with Winter Animal Clinic, Seward, Nebr.; R. Campbell with Dr. J. J. Lewis, St. Paul, Nebr.; Ron Larson with Drs. Turner and Strahn, Forrester, Illinois; M. W. Vorhies with Creston Veterinary Clinic, Creston, Iowa; Doug McGregor with Drs. Pyreen and Orr, Missoula, Mont.; Mert Knudson with Dr. E. B. Ingmand, Red Oak, Iowa; David Putman with Dr. R. F. Schneider, Postville, Iowa; Roger Turk with Drs. Wood and Lewis, Osceola, Iowa; Charles Gonyo with Dr. R. V. Jessup, Modesto, Calif.; Edward Howes with Drs. J. Krishel and J. Krishel Jr., Keokuk, Iowa; Dick Kimball with Dr. John Wilson, Neenah, Wis.; Bill Maher with Drs. Lyon and Yunker, Sioux Falls, S. Dakota; Ron Thompson with Drs. Cornwall and Sandburg, Boone, Iowa; and Bob Dennis with the Santa Anita Small Animal Hospital in California. Clarence Johanns with Dr. R. Baumin, Osage, Iowa.

Working with the U.S.D.A. in meat inspection and disease eradication this summer are the following: Duane Engh, Dick McConnell, Arlo Ledet, Wayne Bicknese, Bob Johnson, Al Hassan, Jack Oak, Phil Pickerill, Lloyd Colony, Arvin Mouw, Don Yanda, and Bob Geyer.

Bob Pennington, Ken Groninga, R. Guss, Larry Houser, Gerald Crawley, C. Schlimoeller and L. D. Manser will stay in Ames and work at the I.S.U. Clinic.

On Sunday, February 26, the Junior Class left for the Pitman-Moore Pharmaceutical Company in Indianapolis, Ind. Dr. Nelson, Dr. Clark and Dr. Preston made the trip with fifty-three members of the Junior Class. The group toured Pitman-Moore's Executive offices, manufacturing facilities, and research and development areas. The Hotel Washington was headquarters for the group during the two-day stay at Indianapolis.

On Wednesday, April 12, the Junior Class toured the Walnut-Grove feed company in Atlantic, Iowa. Dr. James Bailey, Associate Director of Veterinary Research for the company, acted as host for the group. During the morning the group toured the executive offices, manufacturing plant, and quality control laboratory. After a dinner program the group toured the research and test farm.

Viral Encephalomyelitis is a disease primarily found in wild birds which also appears in man and horses. It is characterized by an abnormal consciousness, incoordination, paralysis and frequently high mortality depending on the strain of virus. It usually is of sporadic contagiosity and depends upon the ecology of the animals involved and the arthropod vectors. It is seen only in the seasonal limits of the insect vectors. (normally between the killing frosts). Heavy infestations of blood sucking vectors may lead to enzootic or slowly spreading epizootic appearances. The disease picture within an individual herd or in a local area is more sporadic than epizotic. This is due to the probable hit and miss exposure to vectors combined with the variance to be expected among the susceptibility of the hosts.
Sixty Men
Graduate in Class
of 1961

The College of Veterinary Medicine at Iowa State University will graduate 60 men on May 27, 1961 with DVM degrees. These men have spent an average of 6.23 years apiece in obtaining their degrees. Six have bachelor degrees and one holds a masters.

The range of age is 23 to 36, the average is 26.5 and most men fall between 24 and 27.

Twenty-four members of the class are veterans. Sixty-seven percent of the class is married. Of the forty members who are married, there are twenty-eight who have children. The two largest families have four children and the total number is fifty-four children.

As this final year of professional study draws to a close many of the men have definite postgraduate plans. Thirteen plan to go into large animal practice, thirteen plan to become associated with mixed practices and four have made definite plans in small animal practice. Twelve of this year’s class are going to enter military service, four plan to go into government positions and at least two plan to continue their education.

Forty-five percent have made plans to remain in Iowa, five men are going to Nebraska, three to Minnesota, and one each to Wisconsin, Arizona, Massachusetts, Kentucky, South Dakota, Maryland, Illinois, California and Puerto Rico.

Dan V. Allen
Charles W. Baltzell
Joseph F. Blass
Joel B. Bormann
Roger C. Bryan
Larry J. Celmer
Russell W. Chapin
William W. Coder
Robert E. Creel
William H. Cusick
Richard L. Dalbey
Ronald L. Davis
Calvin J. DeVries
Richard C. Dillman
Dale O. Ferguson
Kenneth Fettkether
Allan L. Fox
Gerald G. Gabel
William E. Giddens
Robert D. Glock
Carlos R. Gomez
Charles O. Haight
James M. Hamilton
Stanley J. Harless
Dale M. Hein
Leon L. Henning
William V. Hobbie
Wendell E. Johnson
Francis J. Judge
Gerald A. Kebo
Daniel J. King
Jerry P. Kunesh
Joseph J. Liska
David R. Louden
Ronald L. Lynch
Arthur H. Mally
Richard F. Marshall
Robert R. Matheson
Robert L. Mersch
James P. Miller
Robert D. Olson
Wendell M. Petty
John R. Riddell
John L. Ringenberg
Kenneth J. Roach
Dores J. Ross
Dale A. Schnepf
Richard Schumacher
Vernon W. Seltrecht
James J. Sheldon
William F. Showers
Richard D. Spain
Jack D. Stocker
Elvin J. Teachout
Gerald H. TePaske
Gaber K. Vajda
Peter C. Watkins
Thomas A. Willroth
James R. Winburn
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