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The ISU class of 1963 is our featured class for this issue. We received replies to our letter sent to each member of this class from most of the graduates, and we wish to thank you for helping to make this article possible. If for some reason a graduate of the class of 1963 did not receive a letter or did not have time to reply before our deadline for publication, please feel free to send a brief resume of your activities since graduation to Alumni Editors, ISU Veterinarian, ISU, Ames, Iowa 50010, so that we can include this information in a subsequent issue. We are missing addresses from the following members of your class: Drs. Andrino, Katzer, Meissner, and Thompson. Your help in this matter would be appreciated.

Dr. T. Robert Bashara worked for 3 months in a mixed practice in Sioux City, Iowa, before entering the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps. He spent 2 years in Pittsburgh, Penn., doing inspection work, operating a small animal clinic, and caring for sentry dogs. Following his tour of duty, he established a small animal clinic in a shopping center in Omaha, Nebraska. He also owns a gift shop called, The Plum Tree, located in Omaha; his wife, Janis enjoys being manager of the gift shop. They have 3 children: Stacey, 4; Peter, 3; and Matthew Robert, 2. Dr. Bashara is currently president of the Omaha Veterinary Practitioners Ass'n., and was a past secretary-treasurer of the Greater Omaha Veterinary Medical Ass'n. Last year he had the honor of being listed in the Marquis Who's Who in the Midwest. He also belongs to the NVMA, AVMA, and is active in local Jaycees and Rotary Club.

Dr. Donald P. Byington is currently a full time medical student and research fellow in neuro-virology at Case Western Reserve University's School of Medicine in Cleveland, Ohio. From 1963–1965 Dr. Byington was employed by the Johnson and Watson Veterinary Clinic in Spencer, Iowa. In 1965, he and his wife, Martha, moved to Lafayette, Indiana, where he became an Instructor in the School of Veterinary Medicine and Science. Upon receiving his Ph.D. degree in virology in 1970, they moved to Cleveland. Dr. Byington’s research interests have been with the effects of slow virus infections upon the CNS. Mrs. Byington taught junior high school before obtaining a Ph.D. in human nutrition from Purdue University. Presently, she is a third year medical student at Case Western and has special interest in nutrition education in medicine.

Dr. Richard H. Cockrum upon graduation became associated with Dr. L. V. Dugan in Minburn, Iowa. Currently he is practicing in Minburn with Dr. Dan Gasche (KSU ’71). His previous associates have been Dr. Ron Seitsinger (ISU ’65) and Dr. Robert Nuton (ISU ’66). Dr. Cockrum is presently mayor of his town and has held offices in a number of the area’s organizations. His oldest daughter, Kim, is graduating from high school with intentions of pre-law. Kathy is in the 9th grade and shows horses in the summer.

Dr. Alden O. Droivold entered large animal practice in association with Dr. R. C.
Bender (ISU ’59) in Spring Grove, Minnesota. In 1964, he established his own large animal practice in Rushmore, Minnesota which consists of dairy, beef, and swine including a bi-weekly feeder pig sale. In addition, he operates a 100 cow registered Angus herd. His professional membership includes the AVMA, IVMA, MVMA and AABP. He is also currently a member of the Minnesota Veterinary Examining Board. Dr. Droivold is active in the local Lions Club and Church Council. His wife, Gert, is involved in the Rushford Federated Club and church activities. They have 2 children: Kathy, 13; and Steven, 8.

Dr. Gary W. Fisher was employed by the Osceola Veterinary Clinic in a mixed practice from 1963 to mid 1964 when he became a partner with George E. Lewis (ISU ’46) and F. J. Wood (ISU ’58). His professional associations include the AVMA and the IVMA for which he is on the Dean’s Advisory Council in 1973 and served on the Executive Board in 1972 and 1973. He is also the secretary-treasurer of the South Central Iowa VMA for 1972 and 1973. He has been active locally in such organizations as the Masonic Lodge, Clarke County Development Corp., and the Osceola Chamber of Commerce for which he was past vice-president and a member of the Board of Directors. He was also past secretary-treasurer and past president of the Osceola Lion’s Club, and was made an honorary member of the local FFA chapter. He and his wife, Phyllis, have four children: Tamara, 12; Todd, 9; Lisa, 6; and Kurt, 4.

Dr. Donald M. Gilbert opened the Kingstown Animal Hospital in 1965 in Wakefield, Rhode Island, where he now has a small animal practice. He is a member of the RIVMA, Rotary International, German Shepherd Dog Club of America and the Republican Town Committee. He and his wife, Carol, have two daughters: Robin, 9; and Denise, 6.

Dr. Lyle A. Hart is conducting a predominantly large animal (bovine) solo practice at Black River Falls, Wisconsin. He was associated with Dr. S. W. Waldo (ISU ’58) at Bristol, Wisconsin for 9 months following graduation until purchasing the practice at Black River Falls. His family includes his wife, Ruth and daughters: Jane, 12; Sally, 10; and Gail, 8. Dr. Hart has obtained his pilots license and is a member of the school board. He belongs to the Coulee Region Veterinary Association (for which he has become president-elect), the WVMA, and the AVMA.

Dr. Delbert M. Heftie has been in large animal practice in Winsner, Nebraska since graduation. He is in partnership with Dr. William Schaulis (KSU ’58) and their practice is concerned primarily with swine and feedlot beef. He is a member of the NVMA and is also active in local organizations such as the Winsner Lions Club and the Winsner Chamber of Commerce for which he was past vice-president and is presently serving on the Board of Directors. He and his wife, Karen, were married in June of 1969 and have a daughter, Michelle, who is eight months old.

Dr. Ronald H. Isaacson served a very rewarding internship at Rowley Memorial Hospital in Springfield, Massachusetts. After the 15 month internship, he moved to Burrington, Michigan, where he was associated with an eight-man hospital. While there, he specialized in surgery, doing a wide variety and major percentage of the surgical procedures for the hospital. In 1970, he built his own hospital in Madison Heights, Michigan, where he has been for the past two years. Dr. Isaacson is a member of the Oakland County VMA, the Southeast Michigan VMA, AVMA, and AAHA. He is also active in the Masonic Lodge and Shrine. His family consists of his wife, Mary Jo, and three children: Sherry, 10; Kathi, 8; and Scott, 5.

Dr. R. H. Jaspers was in mixed practice with Dr. Lofton (ISU) in Osage, Iowa for one and one half years following graduation. In 1964, he set up his own mixed practice in Greene, Iowa where he and his family currently live. He and his wife, Joyce, have three children: Lori, 9; Scott 6; and Brian, 2. Dr. Jaspers is a member of the Cedar Valley Veterinary Ass’n., IVMA, AVMA, and AASP. He was a past president of the JayCees, a member of the Elks Club, and Finance Chairman for his church.
Dr. Edwin R. Lindner has been involved in a mixed practice in Dodgeville, Wisconsin with two partners, Dr. W. W. Rodgers (KSU '61) and Dr. S. D. Samuelson (KSU '61). His professional membership includes the AVMA, WVMA, AABP, and the Southwest Wisconsin VMA for which he has been treasurer in 1967, and is currently the president. He has also served on the Program Committee of the WVMA in 1972 and 1973. He and his wife, Patricia, have three daughters: Sharon, 13; Jane, 12; and Catherine, 10.

Dr. James F. Lucas began practice with Dr. D. M. Anderson (ISU '50) in 1963. Later, in 1968, he established his own mixed practice, primarily working with beef cattle, in Bedford, Iowa. In 1970, Dr. James Johnson, a classmate, went into partnership with him. Dr. Lucas has served on the Southwest Iowa Veterinary Medical Ass'n Board for the past six years and is currently president of the organization. He has also been active in local activities including serving on the City Council for eight years. He and his wife, Mildred Kay, have three children: Jamie Kay, 7; Matthew Leroy, 6; and Shelly Sue, 4.

Dr. Raymond J. Morandi started equine practice in 1963 in association with Dr. L. D. Lush (OSU) and Dr. L. P. White (Ill.) He established his own practice in 1969 and operates the Orland Park Equine Hospital in Orland Park, Illinois. In addition to work at his own equine hospital, he treats horses at the Chicago race tracks. He also owns a small animal hospital which is leased to Dr. G. D. Ihrke (Minn. '65).

Dr. H. G. Schatz is engaged in small animal practice in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. His family includes his wife, Sharon, and two sons: Tim, 5; and Todd, 3. He is a member of the Wisconsin VMA, and the Milwaukee Veterinary Medical Ass'n. for which he is presently serving on the executive board.

Dr. Glenn A. Sutter passed away December 16, 1972, at the age of 41. He died of a severe heart attack while making calls. The practice in Lena, Illinois is a mixed practice with the larger percentage being dairy. Associated with Dr. Sutter were Dr. Wayne Chapin (ISU '44), Dr. Neal Chapin (ISU '52), and Dr. Michael Kingery (U of Mo. '71). He was active in the Lena Lions Club and was presented the Governor's Key for outstanding service, served on the Board of Trustees of the Lena Methodist Church, was past president of the Northwestern Illinois VMA, and held membership in the Illinois VMA, AVMA, and AABP. The family is continuing to reside in Lena, and includes wife, Claire, and daughters: Susan, 10; Karolyn and Kristin, 7. Two memorial scholarships have been set up in Dr. Sutter's honor. One is to assist an Iowa State Veterinary student and the other will assist an outstanding science student at the local high school.

Dr. Roger T. Brown is currently practicing small animal medicine in Omaha, Nebraska. He served as Base Veterinarian for the Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Virginia following graduation. In 1965, Dr. Brown associated with Dr. A. C. Benson in Bethesda, Maryland, and worked on a specialty in ophthalmology specific to cataract surgery. In 1970, he opened a small animal clinic in Omaha. Dr. Brown's wife, Nancy Lee, is involved in breeding and showing Maltese dogs. He and his wife are currently co-authors of the Maltese Column in Popular Dogs magazine.

Dr. Donald L. Dawe is presently an Associate Professor of Medical Microbiology of the Institute of Comparative Medicine at the College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Georgia. In this capacity, he teaches a course in immunology to the students in the professional curriculum and two courses in immunology at the graduate level. His current research interests are immune responses in channel catfish, cellular immune mechanisms in Marek's disease in chickens, and immune mechanisms in diarrhea. Dr. Dawe presently is directing 5 graduate students. Upon graduation from ISU, Dr. Dawe practiced for 3 months in Union Grove, Wisconsin with Dr. A. R. Skewes (ISU) who had a mixed practice. In September of 1963, he started graduate studies at the U. of Ill. He received his M.S. in 1965 and Ph.D. in 1968. In the fall of 1967, Dr. Dawe joined the
staff at the U. of Georgia, where he is presently a member of the admissions committee for the College of Veterinary Medicine and a steering committee directing a new experimental curriculum. He is a member of the AVMA, Georgia VMA, Sigma Xi, Wildlife Disease Ass’n., Conference of Research Workers in Animal Disease, American Society of Microbiology, and the Sierra Club. Dr. Dawe enjoys hiking and whitewater canoeing in the Georgia mountains. In addition, he manages a softball team of veterinary students in the summer recreation league.

Dr. Martin A. Patch joined the USDA Meat Inspection Program between the junior and senior year as a student Veterinary Trainee in 1962. He spent that summer in the Chicago packing houses. Upon graduation, Dr. Patch continued with meat inspection in the Des Moines Station where he resided from June 1963 until August 1964. After completion of training in Des Moines, he was assigned to supervisory positions in Columbus Junction, Iowa ('64-'66); Davenport, Iowa ('66-'67); and Lincoln, Nebraska ('67-'69). Thereafter, he joined the Washington, D.C. staff working with the new processes group. The newly reorganized program combined meat inspection, poultry inspection, veterinary biologics and plant inspection, and quarantine. He is presently assigned to the Meat and Poultry Inspection Group. Dr. Patch married Virginia Golden of Dana, Iowa in September of 1963. They have two children: Kevin, 7; and Kristine, 3. Dr. Patch is a member of the AVMA and National Association of Federal Veterinarians.

Dr. Merritt W. Pitcher is practicing in Morrison, Illinois in partnership with Dr. Robert Everson (ISU '56). From 1963–1965 he served in the U.S. Army at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas which included taking a Food Inspection unit to Needles, California for a 3 month maneuver. In July, 1965 he and his wife, Judy, with their sons John Austin, 8 and James Marshal, 6, moved to Illinois where they are presently residing.

Dr. R. W. Thompson has been engaged in a mixed practice in Columbus, Nebraska since August of 1968. His present associates are Dr. K. L. Thomazin (CSU '66); and Dr. W. C. Bohmont (CSU '71). Dr. Thompson is associated with the AVMA, Iowa VMA, Nebraska VMA, AABP, and AASP. In September of 1972, Dr. Thompson married Debra Crockett from San Saba, Texas.

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Dr. Richard Stride has owned a small animal hospital in Portland since 1961 which is managed by Mr. Martin McDaniel (Okl. A&M '70). Since June '71 Dr. Stride has been engaged in a small animal hospital in Beaverton, Oregon. He and his wife, Joyce, enjoy living in the Pacific Northwest and reside with their two children, Bill, 9, and Laura, 6, on a small acreage north of Cedar Mill. Dr. Stride is active in the Cedar Hills Kiwanis Club, Church Council, and Oregon Pilots Association. He has been past Secretary and President of the Portland VMA and is involved with the Oregon VMA and the Academy of Veterinary Cardiology.

Dr. Samuel J. Vainisi was associated with the small animal faculty at ISU until 1963 at which time he did postdoctoral work in ophthalmology at Stanford Medical Center in Palo Alto, California until 1966. From '66–'68 Dr. Vainisi served as chief of ophthalmology at the Animal Medical Center in New York. Since 1969 he has operated a clinic in Green Bay, Wisconsin specializing in ophthalmology. Dr. Vainisi serves as an eye consultant to the Berwyn Veterinary Medical Center, Berwyn, Illinois; an eye consultant to the Lincoln Park Zoo and Brookfield Zoo; and also is Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology at the Illinois Eye and Ear Infirmary, University of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois. He and his wife, Doris, have two children: Jerry, 14; and Tom, 13.