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Under the direction of National Campaign Chairman, Dr. F. K. Ramsey, the Salsbury Challenge Fund has met with tremendous response. The Dr. J. E. Salsbury Foundation of Charles City established a $500,000 challenge fund in January 1976, to encourage private gifts to be used to equip and furnish the new veterinary medical facility. By December 1, 1976, $387,000 had been sent or pledged to the ISU Achievement Fund, for a total of $774,000 when the Salsbury matching gift is included. Nearly 500 of the 2750 living graduates from the Iowa State College of Veterinary Medicine have contributed, as have relatives of graduates, students, staff members of the college, and other friends. Membership to the Society of the Gentle Doctor (donation of $1,000 or more) now totals 266; seventeen individuals have become Veterinary Medicine Quadrangle Sustaining members (donation of $5,000 or more); six new members of the Order of the Knoll (donation of $10,000 or more) have earmarked their gifts for the College of Veterinary Medicine.

A national campaign committee has been formed to aid and expand Dr. Ramsey’s efforts. The members are graduates of ISU’s College of Veterinary Medicine between 1928 and 1966, and reside throughout the United States. They have met twice during the last six months, July 18, 1976, in Cincinnati, Ohio, and October 16, 1976, in Ames, Iowa, to organize their efforts and elucidate the needs of the college.

An advisory committee to the Dean of the Iowa State University Veterinarian
College of Veterinary Medicine concerning the usage of funds has also been designated. Dr. H. P. Sandberg (Boone, Iowa), Dr. F. D. Wertman (Des Moines, Iowa), Dr. A. W. Krause (Cherokee, Iowa), Dr. J. T. Yoder (Des Moines, Iowa), and Dr. Wayne Emmerson (Eagle Grove, Iowa) represent the alumni on this committee. Faculty members were appointed to represent each department in the college, veterinary extension, administration (ex-officio) and the Veterinary Medical Research Institute. The president of the Student Chapter of the AVMA and student representatives from each class will be able to contribute yet another perspective.

This committee was established not only to counsel the college administration regarding the use of funds, but also to propose long-range objectives for the College of Veterinary Medicine and Salsbury Challenge Fund. They will also consider financial transactions, including investments.

The needs of the college are varied and many. Among those being evaluated are student scholarships, awards, and loan funds, multiple library copies of textbooks, microforms, self-teaching and assessment programs. Specialized equipment, including a scanning electron microscope and computer programs are being sought. Faculty training programs, including guest lecturers, visiting professors, and special projects would augment the classical education now provided to students. A less academic concern includes furnishing both student and alumni lounges, centers for companionship and learning. Restoration and recasting of the Gentle Doctor has already been completed, but the bas relief directly behind the Gentle Doctor should also be restored and preserved. A pictorial history of the College of Veterinary Medicine from 1879 to the present has been suggested, as has a Veterinary Heritage Room. Landscaping and the development of a small park on the grounds have also been considered.

All contributions to the College of Veterinary Medicine are tax deductible. The donor may designate his gift for a certain project, piece of equipment, research, or a specific department within the college. Interested individuals may contact Dr. Ramsey, any committee member, or the ISU Achievement Fund, 242 Memorial Union, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, 50011. Telephone: 515-294-4607. Gary Kroll, Coordinator.

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