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**Running Dean Update**

D. Nick Jensen, D.V.M.*

As reported last winter in this journal, Dr. Phillip Pearson, Dean of the ISU College of Veterinary Medicine, is an avid long distance runner. (See "A Dean on the Run," *The ISU Veterinarian* Vol. 40, No. 1, 1978.)

At that time Dr. Pearson mentioned that he was hoping to break 3 hours at the 26.2 mile Drake Relays Marathon in the spring of 1978. A three hour marathon is widely regarded as the amateur distance runner’s equivalent of a four minute mile. The physical and psychological demands this goal imposes make it both greatly respected and deeply cherished once accomplished.

This year’s Drake Relays Marathon was held on April 29 in Des Moines, Iowa. The temperature was in the 50’s and it was cloudy that day, close to ideal weather because of the enormous amount of heat generated while running a marathon. One thousand one runners started the race, including 126 in the Master’s division (over forty years old). Eight hundred five runners finished with times ranging from the winner’s 2 hours, 15 minutes, 19 seconds to over 5 hours.

Dr. Pearson accomplished his goal, finishing in 2 hours, 57 minutes, 37 seconds and placing twelfth in the Master’s division. Congratulations, Dr. Pearson!

*Dr. Jensen is a 1978 graduate, ISU.*

**Cover Story—**

"Veterinary Medicine—Small Animal"

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The cover photo is of a painting by Fritz Buttgen. The painting, “Veterinary Medicine—Small Animal,” was recently presented to the College of Veterinary Medicine by Dr. and Mrs. A. K. Takayama (ISU ’58) of Honolulu, Hawaii. Dr. Takayama commissioned Buttgen to paint something for his hospital. The painting was completed in 1967. Buttgen was a well known artist in Hawaii until his death in an auto accident in his native Germany about 3 years ago.

The oil has the eyes and hand of a veterinarian with the veterinary caduceus. The animals represent veterinary medicine while the concentric circles show depth or infinity. In describing the symbolism of the painting Dr. Takayama said, “Being abstract—it’s all in the eyes of the beholder.”

Dr. Takayama practiced in California for one year after graduation. He then moved to Hawaii where he has been since. He currently owns a small animal hospital in Honolulu.

The painting is currently on display in the Veterinary Medicine Library and can be viewed during regular library hours. Future plans call for it to be moved to the student entrance after remodeling work has been completed in that area.

On behalf of the students and faculty of the College of Veterinary Medicine the staff of the *ISU Veterinarian* would like to thank Dr. and Mrs. Takayama for their very beautiful and gracious contribution to our College.

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