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Alumni:

We Need Your Help!

This year, the grounds of the ISU-Vet complex south of the building, have been selected as the site for the Equestrian events in the 1988 Iowa Games. This is the third year for the Iowa Games, Iowa’s version of the Summer Olympic games to be held August 6 & 7, 1988. The Iowa Games promote statewide participation in the athletic events seen in the Summer Olympics. This year for the first time there will be Equestrian classes including dressage, hunter/jumper and combination training events. In the future the games plan to include a three day event. The addition of the Equestrian events to the Iowa Games has the goal of promoting horses and horsemanship as an athletic endeavor in the state of Iowa. It is an honor and a challenge for the Vet school to be chosen as the location.

The challenge is this. The facility the games plan to use is the old hub-rail fence which can be seen from Hwy. 30 South of the Vet School building. This "ring" is unsafe for livestock as most of the wood is weathered and rotten. The Equine department planned to tear this old ring down and build two small holding pens to be used by the clients’ horses as an outdoor facility. The solution is to build a facility which measures 120' x 210' that can be used as an arena for the Iowa Games each year, and by the Equine department the rest of the year by dividing the large arena into 4 holding pens with portable fencing.

This proposal has been accepted by the Equestrian events committee and by the ISU Equine department. We are at the point of collecting estimates for the cost of this project. The student chapters of AAEP and Scavma are going to have a grounds clean-up day and can provide some of the labor. Our major problem is financing. With all the cutbacks, the departments can’t cover the entire projected costs.

We want to build an economical and durable facility that will proudly represent our school and the State of Iowa. I know it seems as though everyone has a hand out these days, but this will not only benefit the Vet school but also the State.

We would like to have the facility built by early July but we need your financial support to make this work (as we need to raise approximately $5,000.00).

For more information, or if you have suggestions contact: ISU Teaching Hospital, Dept. of Equine Surgery & Medicine, Dr. Reinertson or Dr. Booth at (515) 294-1500.

Respectfully submitted,
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