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Early last summer one of my fellow students suggested I include an editorial column in future issues of the *ISU Veterinarian*. My first inclination was to decline but the suggestion came up again which prompted me to ask exactly about what should I write? The response was, and rightly so, to write about something for which I have strong feelings. Although it may seem silly, I had to stop and think about those feelings.

Maudlin as it may be, I feel strongly about this publication. I want to see it continue in the tradition it has established; more than that, I want to see it get better. The best way to do that is through the readers. Therefore we need to hear from you. We need to know why you do or do not like the magazine. Tell us what you would like to see more of and what you would like to see discarded. We need the feedback. Better yet, contribute your articles, opinions, anecdotes, cases and whatever else you find appropriate. Beginning with the first issue of volume 51 we are working on some format and content changes within the *ISU Veterinarian*. Reader input will help to shape those changes.

A few words about this issue. I had a lot of fun gathering information from Dr. F.K. Ramsey and Dr. R.A. Packer for certain pieces and would like to say thanks for their input. I also need to say an enormous “thank you” to the staff listed on the inside of the front cover. Their willing contribution of time and talent made this issue possible and my first attempt as editor a pretty smooth experience. One last hat tip goes to Dr. John Greve for greasing the wheels of transition for this “green” staff.

I cannot close without mention of a major event in the life of the Veterinary College. This fall Dr. Phillip Pearson resigned as Dean of the Veterinary College to be effective June 1, 1989. Dr. Pearson is moving on to a new set of challenges and we wish him well, yet we cannot let him go without a sort of bon voyage. With that in mind, we will be dedicating the spring issue of the *ISU Veterinarian* to Dr. Pearson. In our look at Dr. Pearson’s life we are searching for stories from the people who have known him. If you have an incident of interest please send it on to us and have a part in paying tribute to Dean Pearson. Drop us a note, we need to hear from you.

About The Cover . . .

The cover for this issue was designed by Candace Carter, a first year student at the College of Veterinary Medicine. It was chosen for its strong artistic as well as conceptual expression of the veterinary field from professional school to professional life. Ms. Carter’s illustration defined the importance of organizational structure and involvement in veterinary medicine. This issue was the second half of the *ISU Veterinarians* 50th anniversary issue and as a result the winner received $200.00 and a Gentle Doctor Statuette. Ms. Carter’s cover was chosen from a number of entries and a wide variety of styles.

The editorial staff would like to express special thank yous to all the judges for their time and critical eyes, Dr. Roger Hogle and the Gentle Doctor Fund for their generous contribution of the prize and all of the artists who took the time to give their creativity a nudge and submit an entry to the magazine.