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As the new editors of the ISU Veterinarian we would like to welcome Dr. Richard Ross as the new Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Iowa State University. Dr. Ross served as Interim Dean from 1992 until 1993 and began in his current Deanship on July 1, 1993.

Dr. Ross received his D. V. M. from Iowa State University in 1959. He continued his education at Iowa State University earning his M.S. and Ph.D. in Veterinary Bacteriology in 1960 and 1965 respectively. During his studies he worked as a Research Associate at the Veterinary Medical Research Institute.

In 1961, Dean Ross began his professional career in private industry at Veterinary Laboratories, Inc. (Remsen, IA). He then returned to Iowa State University as an Assistant Professor in the Iowa State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory in 1962. In 1965, he received a one year Postdoctoral Fellowship from the National Institutes of Health. He was made full Professor in 1966 and Professor-in-Charge in 1985. Dr. Ross then joined the administration of the College of Veterinary Medicine as Associate Director and Associate Dean in 1990. Upon the resignation of Dean Fletcher in 1992, he filled the position as Interim Dean. After a thorough selection process, Dr. Ross was appointed to the position of Dean.

As an active member of the academic and research community, Dr. Ross maintains membership in a number of professional and research organizations. His memberships include: AVMA, Iowa VMA, Amer. Soc. for Microbiology, Conference of Research Workers in Animal Diseases, Amer. Assoc. of Swine Pract., Amer. Assoc. for the Advancement of Science, and the International Organization for Mycoplasmology.

Throughout his career, Dr. Ross has proved himself an outstanding researcher in the area of Microbiology receiving numerous awards and acknowledgements. His research honors include: Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Microbiologists; Fellow, American Academy of Microbiology; Beacham Award for Research Excellence (1985); Senior U.S. Scientist Award, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (W. Germany); Osborn Research Club, Iowa State University. Professional awards include: President's Award, Iowa Veterinary Medical Association (1988); Howard Dunne Memorial Award, American Association of Swine Practitioners (1988). He has received academic recognition from the Iowa State University Alumni Association and the Clarence Hartley Covault Distinguished Professor in Veterinary Medicine (ISU).

In his current role, Dean Ross has continued the college’s development of management information systems in the Diagnostic Laboratory and Department of Clinical Sciences, as well as computer aided instructional software. He has also participated in the institution of a graduate program in swine medicine. Dr. Ross has continued his involvement at the Veterinary Medical Research Institute and in research in the area of swine respiratory diseases with emphasis on mycoplasmal pneumonia.

The Veterinary College is appreciative of Dr. Ross’ past contributions to the school as a researcher, faculty member and administrator. We are looking forward to his continuing dedication to the future growth and strengthening of the college within the global community.
In addition to a new Dean of the College, the College of Veterinary Medicine has filled the positions of Associate Dean of the College and Associate Dean of Research and Graduate Studies. As editors and students we wish to welcome them to their newly appointed positions.

Dr. Eldon K. Uhlenhopp
Associate Dean of the College

Dr. Uhlenhopp obtained his D.V.M. from the College of Veterinary Medicine at Iowa State University. His most memorable achievements as a veterinary student include serving as Honor Board Chair and as editor of Intervet. Upon graduation he began his career in a general practice in his home town. As practice owner and practitioner, he emphasized companion animal preventive medicine and feedlot, cow/calf and swine nutrition, reproduction and production economics. From 1979 until 1984, Dr. Uhlenhopp was managing general partner of a swine unit finishing 5000 head per year.

Dean Uhlenhopp returned to ISU in 1984 and obtained his MS degree, with co-majors in Veterinary Clinical Sciences and Veterinary Preventive Medicine, in 1986. In 1987 he was certified by the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine. For the past nine years, Dr. Uhlenhopp has been involved in teaching and research in the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences at ISU.

As Associate Dean, Dr. Uhlenhopp plans to emphasize development of curricular programs that enhance learning experiences and that address the needs of individual students. He feels these types of programs will strengthen the ties of the College with students after they are graduated. Examples of these initiatives include: expanded use of computer assisted instructional aids, modular course development, enhanced preceptorship opportunities, more diverse student employment opportunities, distance education programs and computerized communications networking.

Above all, Dr. Uhlenhopp looks forward to closer interaction with students in order to help them gain confidence in their knowledge, skills and abilities.

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