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Editorial Notes

Jennifer L. Kvamme*

In this, my first and only year as co-editor of the ISU Veterinarian, I would like to take the time to thank several people who have had a hand in helping us through.

First and foremost, I have to give many, many thanks to Neil for being here and doing more work than I would have had the time, knowledge or energy to do. His knowledge of layout and style far surpasses my meager experience in journalism. Secondly, I need to thank Dr. Dean Riedesel and Dr. Claudia Baldwin for their help in reviewing the major papers in this issue on short notice. Also, thank you Dr. Elizabeth Riedesel for your Radiographic Diagnosis. We appreciate your efforts in putting the information together for this issue.

Finally, I would also like to credit our illustrious leader, Dr. John Greve, for all the work he has done recently as well as in the past in the name of the ISU Veterinarian.

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After spending so much time in the building doing the business of a co-editor, I feel I’m as close to being a real veterinary student as I can be without having been accepted into the school. Or, maybe I have been accepted -- in another sense of the word.

The amount of communication it takes to put a journal together can bind individuals into a group of friends. That’s what I’ve found working on the ISU Veterinarian. The comradery of our meetings and the personal attention toward the journal everyone on the staff gives tells me that anyone, not just veterinary students, can work effectively on this publication. That’s because being a vet student is not a requirement. Working well with people from a variety of backgrounds in a spirit of friendship is a necessity.

I’m looking forward to a couple of years of this creative interaction on the ISU Veterinarian.

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The Restoration Campaign

Since their creation nearly 60 years ago, the terracotta tile of the Veterinary Medicine Mural by Christian Petersen have been marred by water damage. Terra cotta is highly porous and over the years, water has accumulated between the mural and the concrete walls. Subsequently, water and salts have been seeping out through the terracotta, gradually damaging the sculpture.

To conserve the panels, they have been removed with careful, diamond-cut precision and the College of Veterinary Medicine has engaged one of the country’s leading conservators. The conservation plan include a new and more effective installation process that will be used to prevent future damage to the veterinary mural for generations to come.

To conserve and restore the works for the college, Iowa State has contracted with Linda Merk-Gould, a Fellow of the International Institute for Conservation. This skilled professional is noted for her work with the restoration of the Freedom Statue that crowns the dome of the United States Capitol.

The work will be costly, $220,000, if it is to be done right. In addition to the 44 terra cotta blocks of the mural, this project cost includes restoration for The Gentle Doctor statue.

You can share in the legacy and pride of these distinctive Petersen sculptures at Iowa State. Please consider adding your support to this priority restoration project.

For additional information, contact Dr. Donald Draper, Director of the Veterinary Medicine Endowment Fund at 515-294-4415 or James Brehm, Director of Development, College of Veterinary Medicine, ISU Foundation at 515-294-8562.