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Studying abroad while in veterinary school is rather ironic when you think about it. Most students toil for four years of undergraduate study and sweat over the GRE in order to get into the vet school of their choice. Then once they're in, they want to study elsewhere. Yet, the study or work abroad experience can be by far the most enriching and satisfying experience one can have in college.

Unfortunately, whether through accident, lack of information, uncertainty, or just having too many other responsibilities, most students deny themselves of these wonderful opportunities. In this issue, a handful of ISU veterinary students share their international experiences with us. We'll also take a brief look at some tips and tools that can start getting other students interested and involved in an international experience. Hopefully through the course of these articles we can inform, interest, and educate a few students that may be headed in the direction of studying abroad, or present others with achievements of those students at ISU who did.

On a sadder note, as most students at ISU already know, Bud died this winter. Bud was a mascot of sorts for the College of Veterinary Medicine after outliving his original use as a steer in a research project in the early eighties. A nice memorial was held for him at the February SCAVMA meeting. Having never been on the front cover of the ISU Veterinarian, we would like to honor him one last time. The photograph of Bud on the front cover was taken by Brandy Sobczak, a third-year veterinary student at ISU. From those of us who really got to know Bud, we will miss him.

And as my last issue as a member of the ISU Veterinarian, I would like to thank you all for reading and thank the staff for their support.

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