2000

Causerie

Bonnie Smith

*Iowa State University*

Follow this and additional works at: [https://lib.dr.iastate.edu/iowastate_veterinarian](https://lib.dr.iastate.edu/iowastate_veterinarian)

Part of the [Higher Education Commons](https://lib.dr.iastate.edu/iowastate_veterinarian), and the [Veterinary Medicine Commons](https://lib.dr.iastate.edu/iowastate_veterinarian)

**Recommended Citation**


Available at: [https://lib.dr.iastate.edu/iowastate_veterinarian/vol62/iss2/1](https://lib.dr.iastate.edu/iowastate_veterinarian/vol62/iss2/1)

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Journals at Iowa State University Digital Repository. It has been accepted for inclusion in Iowa State University Veterinarian by an authorized editor of Iowa State University Digital Repository. For more information, please contact digirep@iastate.edu.
The year 2000 has brought many changes. Some of them are the usual changes that occur every year: the change from being a "civilian" to being a vet student; the change from being a student to being a veterinarian; the changing of our ages; and the changing of the seasons. Others, however, are changes that we weren't necessarily expecting. Due to changes in the administration, we are now searching for a new dean for the College of Veterinary Medicine, as well as a new president for the university. Curriculum changes have challenged both faculty and students alike. Bud's death signifies somewhat of a "changing of the guard" as we are left to find a new mascot for the veterinary school. The list could go on and on. Good or bad, expected or unexpected, easy or difficult, change is a constant presence in the veterinary profession. We eventually learn to accept it, to embrace it, and even to become agents of it, like Margaret Sloss did. Hers is a good example for us all.

The changes in my life have included a new job as editor of the ISU Veterinarian, and with it, new skills to learn, like a new computer program and the art of managing a staff. Even good changes are not always easy. I have struggled some, but I have learned much more, and the next time, I will do even better. I want to thank everyone who helped to overcome the many obstacles we encountered this semester, such as changing printers, computer problems, and an unfortunately timed trip to India. I think they all know who they are. I apologize for any delay in your receiving this issue, and I sincerely thank you for your continued support of our publication.

Bonnie E. Smith

I am a third-year veterinary student at Iowa State University.