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I am pleased to recognize our new Associate Editor of the CVM Outlook, Ms. Leigh Wiemann, who will join Associate Dean Robert Mason, Administrative Assistant Renee Cook, graphic designer Paul Gettler, and me in composing this newsletter every quarter. Leigh has been Director of Philanthropy for the College of Veterinary Medicine for several years, and she came to WesternU with a strong background as a writer, which serves us well both in fund raising and in telling the story of our College.

Much of the current (and building) excitement around the College right now is related to activities of the Charter Class as we approach Commencement on May 11th. Caps and gowns for the graduates have arrived, and are available at the College’s reception area as students in the Class of 2007 come into Pomona in between fourth year rotations. The Commencement Committee is planning the ceremony, the College’s first graduation dinner dance for the graduates, and the first class gift. Commencement 2007 will surely be a Work of Heart, like all of the other firsts this College and this Class have accomplished in the past four years. Prospective graduates have already started accepting jobs, including positions in pet practice, equine internships/residencies, and two laboratory animal medicine residencies at UCLA and the University of Michigan medical schools.

As of this writing, I have not yet received official word on pass rate for the DVM 2007 students who took the National Veterinary Licensure Examination (NAVLE) in November and December. But input volunteered from students who have received results suggests that we will have about an 80% pass rate. Those who did not pass the exam in the fall of 2006 are eligible to retake it in April or May of 2007. I am very proud of all of our students and proud of the work by our faculty in overseeing their education. Faculty have come to our college from all over the world, to educate students in a model very different from that of other schools, and student success in the boards is an important endorsement of the value of our model.

We recently received word from the AVMA Council on Education that they will schedule our comprehensive site visit to occur during Spring semester, 2008, giving the College time to implement recommendations the Council has made on oversight of our students’ clinical experiences.

February is the month when we conduct interviews of prospective students who will join us in August as the Class of 2011. This year we received 656 applications, the faculty interviewed 304 candidates, and approximately 160 offers of acceptance and 108 notices of alternate status were sent out on March 15th.

Watch for the next issue of Outlook, with the story of our first graduation and the transformations of the lives of our remarkable first graduates. We continue to be a work in progress, a Work of Heart. Thank you for your support.

“If you have men who will exclude any of God’s creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men.”

— St. Frances of Assisi

Shirley D. Johnston, DVM, PhD
The College of Veterinary Medicine recently welcomed distinguished new faculty and staff to campus:

Mr. Omar Alvarado, Research Technician, recruited from the Musculoskeletal Transplant Foundation, Costa Mesa, CA.

Dr. Randy Anderson, Clinical Field Liaison, completed his BS, DVM and MPVM at UC Davis, and served as a Veterinary Epidemiologist for the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

Dr. Ellen Collisson, Professor, from Texas A&M University, obtained her MS and PhD in Microbiology from the University of Alabama, Birmingham, and has worked on avian influenza virus, poultry respiratory viruses and vaccine development.

Dr. Maisie Dawes, Assistant Professor, completed her DVM at Tuskegee, her residency and PhD (Pathobiology) at the University of Missouri, and is board certified in ACVIM (Food Animal). Her research focus is the immune response in calves.

Dr. Janis Joslin, Professor, completed her DVM at Ohio State University, a residency in Primate Medicine at UC Davis, and has had a distinguished career as a zoo and regulatory veterinarian.

Dr. Lyon Lee, Associate Professor, has a DVM from Seoul National University, and a PhD from the Royal Veterinary College, London. He completed a residency in veterinary anesthesiology at the University of Illinois, and is board certified by the American College of Veterinary Anesthesiology.

In the Spotlight...

Dr. Joe Bertone spoke at the 18th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Association of Argentina Equine Practitioners in November, 2007, in Buenos Aires on Antimicrobial Selection; Pleuropneumonia in Foals; Diagnosis of Enterocolitis and Peritonitis; Sleep Deprivation in Horses; Internal Medicine Cases; and Intra-articular Cervical Injections.

Dr. Joe Bertone gave six equine presentations at the North American Veterinary Conference in Orlando, Florida, in January, 2007, and was recognized as the Best Equine Speaker, from the 2006 NAVC.

Dr. Ellen Collisson presented “An update on the development of a DNA vaccine for reticuloendotheliosis virus in prairie chickens” at the Sutton Avian Research Center, Bartlesville, OK in January.

Dr. Carlos Crocker spoke on “Comparative Physiology and Reverence for Life” to the Loma Linda University Department of Biological Sciences in November.

Dr. Carlos Crocker spoke on the WesternU CVM to the pre-veterinary club at UC Davis in October.

Dr. Carmen Fuentealba spoke on “The Veterinary Education Model at Western University” to the XX Pan American Congress of Veterinary Sciences of the Pan American Federation of Veterinary Medical Colleges, in Santiago, Chile, in November.


Dr. Stephen Waldhalm spoke on Problem Based learning at the California Association of Institutional Research in November, 2006.

Briana Mirchel, DVM ’09 published, “Western University SCAVAR Celebrates Third Year with Growing Membership and Expanded Activities” in Alternatives in Veterinary Medical Education, Fall, 2006.

Congratulations to Colleen Brown DVM, ’08 on the safe arrival of her baby boy, Tyler Harris Brown, on November 15th.
On March 9, at a meeting of the College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) Advisory Council, Dr. Shirley Johnston, Dean of the College, officially dedicated a flowering pear tree planted outside the College entrance in honor of Dr. Billy E. Hooper, DVM, PhD, DACVP and Founding Chair of the CVM Advisory Council. Attendees included WesternU President Philip Pumerantz, CVM Advisory Council members, CVM associate deans, and faculty and staff. A bronze plaque honoring Dr. Hooper’s contribution to the founding of the College was installed at the base of the tree.

“It is very appropriate, as we graduate our first class, to create a permanent memorial of Dr. Hooper’s vision of the College,” said Dean Johnston.

Dr. Hooper was initially retained by WesternU in 1997 to develop a vision for a College of Veterinary Medicine of the future. He wrote the College’s original plan. The College’s founding principles of commitment to self-directed learning, reverence for life and clinical education through strategic partnerships began with his vision for the new College.

President Pumerantz congratulated Dr. Hooper and said, “This tree is symbolic of an extraordinary achievement. I am very grateful for his leadership.” The pear tree, now ten feet tall, will grow to 40 feet at maturity. White blossoms will appear each spring, and the green leaves will change to crimson and gold each autumn.

Dr. Hooper said, “I am humbled by this presentation, because my contribution was a small part. Throughout the process there has been a guiding philosophy, which became my guiding light. In his 1998-99 State of The University address, Dr. Pumerantz wrote the following words. I have carried them with me ever since.”

He read, “As teachers, we cannot just provide glib answers to students’ questions – instead our job is to encourage them to solve problems, to awaken their curiosity, and to stir their passion for learning. We believe education is more than just the transmission of information. Education is a collaborative process with a common vision. It is a shared responsibility.” As he finished reading, Dr. Hooper said, “That quotation captures the spirit of humanism.”

Dr. Hooper concluded his remarks by observing that the future is every bit as bright as it was 30 years ago when WesternU was founded. He said that 40-50 years from now, someone will stand beside the tree, and the University’s core philosophy of humanism, caring and compassion will still be in place.

A native of Mack Creek, Missouri, Dr. Hooper received his DVM from the University of Missouri in 1961 and his PhD in Pathology from Purdue University in 1965. Dr. Hooper became a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists in 1965. He served as a member of the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (NBVME) from 1975 to 1980, representing the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges. Soon after joining the Board, Dr. Hooper was elected to the Executive Committee. During his tenure, he also served on the Board’s Steering Committee, Constitutional Committee, and Examination Procedures Committee. Through his work on these committees, Dr. Hooper made several important contributions to the NBVME and to the national licensing examination program. From 1986 to 1992, he served as Executive Director of the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges.

During his distinguished career as a veterinary medical educator, Dr. Hooper held academic appointments at the University of Missouri, Purdue University, the University of Georgia, Oklahoma State University, and Western University of Health Sciences. In 1988, he received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Missouri, and his name was added to the Book of Great Teachers at Purdue University in 1999. He served as interim Associate Dean for Preclinical Programs at the College of Veterinary Medicine at Western University of Health Sciences from January to May 2004.

Dr. Hooper, with a remarkable number of scholarly articles to his credit, has long been a visionary, prophetic voice guiding the future of veterinary medical education. In 1994, the Journal of Veterinary Medical Education published “Ongoing Curricular Change in Veterinary Medical Colleges,” in which Dr. Hooper wrote, “Educational technology will become an ever-more powerful force in stimulating change...” and “We will open our eyes and face our responsibilities for multifaceted approaches to lifelong learning...”
WesternU Celebrates 30th Anniversary

“Continuing the Legacy of Excellence through Learning and Discovery” adopted as theme for the University’s year-long celebration.

Western University of Health Sciences (WesternU), a thriving center for medical education, as well as research and community outreach, celebrates its 30th anniversary in 2007. The College of Veterinary Medicine will graduate its charter class this year and, in many ways, both achievements characterize the innovation and commitment that carried the University from modest beginnings in 1977 to become a five-college, major academic health center in the 21st century.

The University is hosting a wide array of celebratory events and activities to recognize the many contributions of its alumni, students, faculty, and staff over the past three decades.

On March 9, more than 100 volunteers serving on Advisory Councils for the University’s five colleges were treated to a “Night at The Races” themed reception and dinner at the Wally Parks National Hot Rod Association Motorsports Museum. The Museum’s impressive array of vintage and historical racing vehicles along with photographs, trophies, helmets and driving uniforms, artifacts, paintings, and other memorabilia chronicling more than 50 years of American motorsports inspired fast conversation and fond memories of “the best car I ever had.”

For Anniversary Celebration event and program information and photos, please visit the 30th Anniversary website at www.westernu.edu/30years/.

Western University of Health Sciences

The 2007 celebrations kicked off with a Community Partners Luncheon held on January 31 to honor more than 40 corporations and organizations that are dedicated to the success of the University. Honorees recognized for their valued partnerships with the College of Veterinary Medicine included Banfield, The Pet Hospital; Hill’s Pet Nutrition, VCA Antech; California State Polytechnic University, Pomona; and Los Angeles County Fairplex.

President Pumperantz thanked Hill’s Pet Nutrition, represented by Dr. Barry Watson, Veterinary Affairs Manager, at the Community Partners Luncheon.
CVM Student Profiles - Class of 2010

Jennifer Arrington
I was born in Frankfurt, Germany, and knew from an early age that I wanted to go into veterinary medicine. I have lived in Arizona since 1988, and graduated from the University of Arizona in 2002 with a BS in veterinary science. My interest is in small animal surgery.

Georgina De La Hoy
I am first generation Mexican-American, born in Los Angeles, California. I have a BS in zoology with a minor in chemistry from CSU-Long Beach. I am also a certified dog trainer. My passion is small animal medicine and I currently have two dogs and a tarantula.

Leah Feldman
I spent my entire life in my hometown of Huntington Beach, California before attending California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. I hold a BS in animal science and I’m excited to finally fulfill my lifelong dream of becoming an equine practitioner here at WesternU.

Monika Gramckow
I was born in Ojai, California. In 2005, I graduated from Stanford University with a degree in human biology and completed my master’s degree in biological sciences in 2006. I am honored to be part of WesternU.

Annika Hoffman
I was born and raised in Watsonville, California. I graduated from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo in June, 2006 with a degree in animal science. My main area of interest is avian medicine—I am one of the few resident bird-nerds—and I aspire to becoming a poultry veterinarian.

Monica Kuramura
I was born and raised in Salinas, California and graduated from Fresno State with a BS in animal science. My experience as a veterinary technician has mainly been in small animal and exotic practices. Although I am open to all areas of veterinary medicine, my current interests are in small animal medicine and research.

Alan Lo
Born and raised in Southern California, I graduated from UCLA in 2002. I have experience in small animal clinics and I love it, so I hope to have my own someday, but I also hope to contribute to other parts of the veterinary field, such as marine mammal and zoo medicine.

Jeremy Lewis
I am from Virginia, received my BS from Virginia Tech, an MBA from Radford University, and was commissioned in the Army Veterinary Corps. My interest prior to beginning school was small animal medicine, but has since changed to large animals and public health.

Steven Loncosky
I am from Orange County California. I obtained my bachelor’s degree in animal science with a minor in equine science from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. I am interested mainly in equine medicine.

Genna Mize
I grew up in Texas, where I showed horses and kept a menagerie of animals. I attended University of Texas, Austin, studying molecular and cell biology. I’m not yet sure which species I’d like to practice on. I love them all!
I am from south Florida, and graduated from Florida Atlantic University in May 2006 with a degree in biology. I have some small animal experience as a veterinary technician, research experience with Loggerhead sea turtles, and hope to stay involved with marine life throughout my education.

Ashley Mustakas

I am a California grown, mountain-raised girl. I had the privilege of being raised in the Sierras where I spent the majority of my free time biking and skiing with my high school sweetheart and my dogs. After I finish veterinary school I plan on returning home and picking up right where I left off, only this time I will have my dream career.

Rebecca Nelson

I was born and raised in Guam, attended Boston College as an undergrad, and USC grad school in computer science. I like to snowboard, cook and eat (and drink). I have worked in small animal clinics, but am still very open to large/food animal.

Patricia Park

I am originally from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, I now can’t get enough of beautiful southern California. I feel extremely fortunate to be a member of the WesternU family, however, without the support of my husband and family back home, I would not be able to pursue this wonderful opportunity.

Vanessa Rizzo

I grew up in the Central Valley of California and have always had a passion for animals. I spent my college years working for a small animal practice while attending UC Santa Barbara. When I graduated in 2004, I pursued research interests, but quickly returned to where I started, and here I am.

Kevin Terra

I am from Eugene, Oregon. My interests are highly classy and include the following: splashing in puddles, frolicking in the rain, incense, photography, yoga, dark chocolate, mellow moments, ballroom dance, traveling, music, humor, belly dancing, camping, snail mail, and Thaifood. I hope to own a holistic veterinary practice someday.

Rachel Sangl

Born and raised in southern California, my love for animals comes from being raised on an equine ranch. Animals have always been a huge part of my life, and I couldn’t imagine entering any other profession besides veterinary medicine. I am interested in equine medicine, and hope to open my own equine animal practice in beautiful California.

Megan Smith

I am technically from southern California, but I have lived in Colorado, Texas, Florida, and Alaska. I received my BS in animal science at Cal Poly Pomona. With the full support of my husband, I am looking forward to my next adventure with WesternU.

Lenette Telles

I received biology and English degrees from Tufts University. Born and raised in Japan, I am hoping to become a ‘bilingual vet’ at a small animal practice. Having worked as a research technician, I am also interested in laboratory animal medicine. Dogs and rabbits are my favorite animals.

Mayu Uchihashi
Maria A. Fahie, DVM, MS, DACVS, Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Surgeons, is Associate Professor, Small Animal Surgery, at the College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Fahie joined the faculty in September 2002. She currently coordinates the Veterinary Basic Science—Problem Based Learning Modules (VBS-PBL) and assists with student surgical skills training. She has a broad base of veterinary surgical experience including soft tissue, oncologic, neurologic, reconstructive, and orthopedic procedures. Dr. Fahie performs small animal surgical procedures with students at Orange Veterinary Hospital in nearby Orange, CA., where she serves as Surgical Associate.

Born and raised in eastern Canada, Dr. Fahie always remembers her dream of becoming a veterinarian. She completed her bachelor’s degree at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and her DVM degree at Atlantic Veterinary College, Prince Edward Island. Following completion of surgical specialty training, she moved to Southern California and practiced at several surgical specialty clinics prior to the opening of the College of Veterinary Medicine at WesternU. Hearing Dean Shirley Johnston speak at a Southern California Veterinary Medical Association meeting was a career turning point. Dr. Fahie had been interested in academia since her education began and was excited to hear about the innovative, student-centered curriculum at the first new College of Veterinary Medicine to open in 20 years. This approach to teaching is a perfect fit for her philosophy that learning must be continued throughout one’s career. She believes it is the responsibility of the teacher to transfer the ability to learn and gain experience to students clearly and without intimidation.

Dr. Fahie resides in Orange, CA with her husband, Dan, daughters, Mackenzie and Miranda, Great Dane, Sue, and kitty, Hopey Dopey. They enjoy outdoor activities including hiking, camping, mountain bicycling, and motorcycling.

Maria Pia Testa, PhD, Assistant Professor, Virology and Immunology, was born and raised in Latina, Italy on the coast 40 miles south of Rome. Dr. Testa earned her doctoral degree in 1983 from the University of Naples, where she pursued research on photosynthesis and enzyme kinetics of plants. She relocated to the University of California, Riverside to pursue post-doctoral training in plant enzyme kinetics and in vivo Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) studies of phosphorous compounds in corn. An opportunity to pursue research involving gene therapy and cancer was a turning point in her career, as her focus switched to biomedical research.

Dr. Testa completed post-doctoral training at the Burnham Research Institute, La Jolla (formerly the La Jolla Cancer Center) where she worked on neuro-degenerative diseases (especially Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, known as Lou Gehrig’s disease), and later on bone cancer in a laboratory with an emphasis on apoptotic cell death.

Dr. Testa joined The Vaccine Research Institute of San Diego, co-founded and chaired by Dr. Tom Phillips. For three years, she worked toward developing a malaria vaccine (based on the Hepatitis B core protein as a molecularly engineered carrier) and studying feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV) as an animal model for AIDS in humans. Dr. Testa joined the CVM faculty in 2003, first as a faculty research scientist and later as an assistant professor. Her current research is on the molecular effects of FIV infection on the brain, in particular the role that oxidative stress and apoptosis play in FIV-induced neurological disease. She lives in Claremont and enjoys traveling, fine dining, and time spent with family, including son, Stefano.


Dr. Heather Nevill, was awarded $5,200 to study “Effects of Crystalloid and Colloid Therapy on Indirect Blood Pressure in California Brown Pelicans” by the Oiled Wildlife Care Network. 

**CONGRATULATIONS TO CVM faculty who received November, 2006 competitive intramural grants awards from WesternU:**

- **Barr, MC.:** Pilot serologic survey of Honduran horses for evidence of West Nile virus exposure. $6,000
- **Nevill, H:** Design of necropsy protocol and form, data collection, analysis and dissemination of necropsy data. $10,000
- **Phillips, TR:** FIV and METH-induced neurologic disease: the role of oxidative stress. $20,000
- **Smolukha H, Khamas W, Tkalcic S:** Morphological and histological study of vascular modifications in true seals. $5,000

**Suzana Tkalcic wins University award for sculpture design**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO SUZANA TKALCIC, DVM, PhD, Assistant Professor of Veterinary Pathology, for “Fountain of Values,” winner of the University’s Campus Esplanade design competition.** Outlook asked her to share the inspiration for the 10 x 20-foot fountain.

**O: What motivated your entry?**

**ST:** My design saw the light on a trip to Yosemite National Park...looking at the greatness of mountain peaks suggested the sturdiness of rock against time and elements. Mountains and rushing waters offered great inspiration.

**O: What are the key elements of your design?**

**ST:** The key elements came from that experience: 3 square blocks of granite on top of each other, carrying bronze letters: HUMANISM, CARING, and COMPASSION. Simple and sturdy, strong and fast, as a foundation of our University’s core values. Water…represents the well of health and knowledge, offered from our faculty, ever new and fresh scientific facts to quench the thirst for knowledge of every new class of students.

**O: What message does the Fountain convey?**

**ST:** The core values implanted in all of us from our closest family and friends…coming from these dear people who stand behind us, believe in us, and give us strength to carry on. In my case, it is the legacy and support of my family and friends from Croatia, the U.S., and all over the world…My sculpture also represents a legacy of our newest college (CVM). We are a great community, I am glad to be part of it, and able to represent their thoughts and attitudes through my creation.

**Next issue: Photo of “Fountain of Values” on campus esplanade.**
Always In Our Hearts: Stories from the WAVE Program

Culver (1990-2006)
By Paulette Sharen

Culver was born to be a Hollywood star. He was discovered by workmen while they were cleaning out a soundstage at the Culver Studios. Barely 4 weeks old, and the runt of the litter, he was either lost or abandoned by a feral mother. Since a busy sitcom office was no place for a growing kitten, he soon came home with me for good.

Filled with tenacity, he could be a real live teddy bear or a little Napoleon. A jumper and a climber par-excellence, diminutive Culver’s lithe body knew no limits.

After his 14th birthday, an injection site sarcoma was diagnosed—probably the result of a vaccination traditionally given between the shoulder blades in the early 1990s. Over the course of a year, Culver had surgery three times to remove these recurring masses, always bouncing back like a teenager. But in February of 2006, an X-ray revealed six round tumors in one of his lungs, indicating that his cancer was metastatic and inoperable. Culver lived out the rest of his life with great care, resting amongst his fellow felines. When his breathing became irregular and his distress began, he was helped to pass.

At the emergency hospital, a veterinary technician studied his last X-ray, and commented that they never get to see such cancers in school in an actual animal. It was at that time that a decision was made, and a search was on, to donate his body.

If one’s spirit leaves this earth, and one’s soul stays with those loved, then the body is merely a shell. And if by studying Culver, future veterinarians can learn to treat and someday cure feline cancers—then maybe Culver truly was a Hollywood star after all.

The Willed Body Program for Veterinary Medicine, WAVE

The College of Veterinary Medicine’s Reverence for Life Commitment promises that animals will not be harmed in our teaching programs. A key element of this commitment is the WAVE (Willed deceased Animals for Veterinary Education) Program, which reaches out to animal owners to ask that they consider donating their beloved pets' remains to anatomy and clinical skills education at the College (The WAVE Program is modeled after the Human Willed Body Program at WesternU). Over 500 deceased animals have been donated to the College in the last two years. These special animals are providing a greater quality of education to future generations of veterinarians.

All donations to WAVE must be deceased due to age, serious illness or injury. An animal that has no owner to approve the donation of its remains will not be accepted. When you know that the death of your beloved pet might be imminent, and you live within 40 miles of the College, please ask your veterinarian about donating to WAVE. Your veterinarian may contact Ms. Tami Jones at (909) 469-5597 to make all arrangements.

Always in Our Hearts: Stories from the WAVE Program appears as a regular feature in each issue of the Outlook.
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Mar 12-16 .................................................... Spring Break
Mar 15-17 ............................................................. SAVMA Symposium, North Carolina State University
Apr 14 ................................................................. CVM Open House
Apr 18 ...................................................................... CVM Honors Day
May 7 ................................................................. Commencement Dinner Dance, DVM 2007
May 10 ..................................................................... Commencement Ceremonies, Class of 2007
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May 14 ..................................................................... Finals Week, DVM 2008, 2009, 2010
Aug 11 ................................................................. Convocation and White Coat Ceremony;
.......................................................... Mr. Robert DiMarzo, Pfizer Inc., Keynote speaker
Aug 13 ..................................................................... First day of class, 2007-2008
Aug 24-26 ............................................................. Inaugural International Bear Care Symposium, WesternU
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The College of Veterinary Medicine is committed to serving society and animals through the preparation of students for the practice of veterinary medicine, veterinary public health and/or veterinary research in an educational program of self-directed learning, reverence for life and clinical education through strategic partnerships. The college sustains a vibrant diverse faculty by encouraging advancement through personal and professional development and research. This creates an environment of competent, caring, ethical professionals, where cooperative learning, public service, and scholarship can flourish.