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CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT WE ARE PLANNING COMMENCEMENT 2007 ALREADY? On May 9 we held the first meeting of the Commencement Planning Committee for the Class of 2007.

Commencement will be held on the afternoon of Friday, May 11, 2007, at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium. The keynote speaker will be actor and animal activist **Ms. Betty White**, who will be awarded an honorary doctorate for her work with the Morris Animal Foundation and the Los Angeles Zoo. Members of the Planning Committee are **Ms. Cyanna Chapman Brauning**, **Ms. Lindsay Ellithorpe**, and **Ms. Cynthia Kinney** (all elected by their class) **Associate Dean Robert Mason**, **Dr. Tracy Murchie**, **Ms. Edna Cova**, and me. Students in the Class of 2007 will be selecting a student speaker, selecting faculty member(s) to announce the graduates, and making plans for their celebration dinner dance. The CVM will honor the WesternU tradition of family hooding, allowing each graduate to designate 1-2 family members to help each graduate don the doctoral hood.



This issue of the *Outlook* contains a list of all donors to the *Work of Heart* of the CVM in the calendar year 2005. The people, foundations and corporations on this list are our angels. They gave money designated for scholarships (HUGE THANKS WE NEED MORE), for support of the Summer Congress of the International Veterinary Student Association (WOW), and (my own personal favorite) for undesignated purposes, allowing us to apply gifts to areas of greatest need. No gift is too small to make a difference, nor too large to increase next year (grin). If we goofed, and got your name wrong, or left you out, please contact me directly for a correction. And THANK YOU from the bottom of my **heart**.

Since our last issue of the *Outlook*, we have seated our fourth class in the history of the College. While we expect to experience a few changes by the time school starts in August, right now the Class of 2010 includes 105 students, with 33 men and 72 women. (Last year we had 20 men and 80 women). Our application numbers are going up, and our decline rate (28% this year, 35% last year) is going down. Hooray!

Thank you to four members of the AVMA Council on Education, **Dr. Douglas Aspros**, **Dr. Laurie Jaeger**, **Dr. H. Fred Troutt** and **Dr. Frank Walker**, who visited the College May 1-3 to continue their consultation and assistance to us in development of the third and fourth year curricula. Big Thanks to Associate Deans **Carmen Fuentealba** and **Robert Mason** for their coordination of this visit, and provision of many many documents (course materials, syllabi, formative and summative examinations, outcomes assessment measures, statistical analyses of performance trends) to the team.

This has been a month of honors for our college. Our Third Annual CVM Honors Day (see story later in this issue) was a splendid event, held April 20th, at which increasing numbers of students received increasing numbers of scholarship awards. Congratulations to Norden Distinguished Teacher **Dr. Josep Rutllant**, Pfizer Distinguished Researcher **Dr. Peggy Barr**, and Outstanding Staff Member **Mr. Dean Raines**. On May 10th we celebrated the inauguration of WesternU CVM's Alpha Epsilon Chapter of the National Society of Phi Zeta, the Veterinary Medicine honorary society. National Phi Zeta President **Dr. Charles Hendrix** traveled here from Auburn, Alabama to present us with the Charter and to oversee initiation of our Charter Initiates.

"The smallest feline is a masterpiece." – Leonardo da Vinci

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On The Cover

First-year student Rachael Sachar, DVM '09 at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, providing vaccinations and deworming medication to members of the swine herd as part of the WesternU Clinical Skills course.

Photo by Dr. Peggy L. Schmidt, DVM, MS



Dr. Peggy Barr and family have established the Winston Award to honor family pets with cancer. The Winston Award was presented April 20th to **Cynthia Kinney, DVM '07**, who will pursue oncology as a 4th-year rotation.



Dr. Joe Bertone was elected Equine Speaker of the Year for 2006, at the North American Veterinary Conference in Orlando. The award will be presented Jan 13, 2007.



Dr. Beth Boynton spoke on "Communicating with the Client: Enhancing Compliance" at the Hill's 2006 Symposium on Dermatology in Rancho Mirage, CA, April 4, 2006.



Colleen Brown, DVM '08 received the Todd Fickle Scholarship from the Morrison School of Agribusiness at Arizona State University in January, 2006.



Daisy Burns, DVM '08 competed in the SAVMA Challenge competition at the annual SAVMA Symposium at the University of Minnesota and won second place in the first round and 4th place overall, with 14 schools competing.



Veronica Bocanegra, DVM '07 and **Darlene Sanchez, DVM '09** were awarded Inland Empire Hispanic Scholarships on Saturday, May 13th at the University of California, Riverside. These scholarships are awarded once each year to Hispanic students studying in higher education.



Welcome to **Renee Cook**, assistant to **Dr. Robert Mason**. Renee was the Education Coordinator at the Corona Regional Medical Center in Corona. Renee is married to husband, Spencer, and is the proud mom of 24-year-old daughter, Julie, 22-year-old son, Jay, and the proud grandmother of 1-year-old, Tristan.



Congratulations to **Shelby Costin, DVM '08** and husband, Gary on the safe arrival of their daughter, McKenna, born Friday, March 24, 2006.



Zarah Hedge, DVM '07 was awarded an 8 week summer internship (2006) at the Island Wildlife Natural Care Center, Salt Spring Island, BC, Canada.



Elizabeth Ingram, DVM '09 received a Summer Research Fellowship at the Department of Comparative Medicine, Stanford University. The fellowship is an NIH-funded program to encourage veterinary students to pursue careers in biomedical research.



Ms. Eva Jaeger, Dr. Heather Nevill and **Dr. Lara Rasmussen** presented a poster at the AAVMC Educational Symposium in Washington DC on March 16, 2005, entitled "The Veterinary Ambulatory Community Service Program: Subsidized Veterinary Care Provided to the Community by Veterinary Medical Students."

Terence Krentz, DVM '08 was awarded an AVMA Congressional Student Externship for the summer of 2006. Only 10 veterinary students from the 28 CVM's in the country have been awarded these externships, and two were WesternU students (**Terence and Colleen Tansey, DVM '08**, previously reported).



WesternU SCAVMA Josh Project Founders **Cynthia Kinney, DVM '07** and **Ciara Volaro, DVM '07** received the Josh Project Challenge Award at the March, 2006, SCAVMA President's Luncheon in Minneapolis. Cynthia and Ciara, along with Josh Project Treasurer **Alayson Phelps, DVM '08** and numerous donors and volunteers, raised over \$6,000, more than any other veterinary college!



Briana Mirchel, DVM '09 published "Veterinary Students Making a Difference." AVAR Student Chapter at WesternU Active in Community Events" in the Winter, 2006, issue of *Alternatives in Veterinary Medical Education*.



CVM faculty were coauthors of the poster: **Moon S, Barrett G, Amend J, Levitan T, Phillips T, Ramirez J, and Harmer, P:** "Effectiveness of the Ethical Reasoning Development of Veterinary Medicine Students," at the 82nd Annual Western Association of Schools and College Conference, on April 13, 2006, in Irvine, CA.



Congratulations to **Mandy Myers, DVM '08** and husband, David on the safe arrival of their son, Charlie, born April 10th at 6:30 pm.



Darlene Sanchez, DVM '09 received a scholarship from Verizon and Univision through the Hispanic Scholarship Fund and a scholarship from the Executive Women's International ASSIST Scholarship Program.



Danielle Shaffer, DVM '08 will attend the Smith-Kilborne Foreign Animal Disease Program, May 30-June 7, 2006 at Cornell University and Plum Island Animal Disease Center. This program acquaints veterinary students with foreign animal diseases that threaten our domestic animal populations.



Dr. Hrvoje Smodlaka published: **Smodlaka H, Reed RB, and Henry RW:** Microscopic anatomy of the ringed seal (*Phoca hispida*) lower respiratory tract. *Anat Histol Embryol* 35:35-41, 2006.



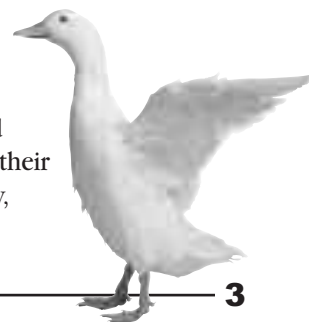
Lara Staples, DVM '07 has received a 2006 AVMA Stipend.



Dr. Suzana Tkalcic presented "Marine Mammals: What Can Go Wrong? A Veterinarian's Perspective" to the American Cetacean Society at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium on March 28, 2006.



Congratulations to **Ann Vitti, DVM '08** and husband, Dave Barisic on the safe arrival of their daughter, Katie Evelyn Barisic, born Saturday, April 1, 2006.



CVM Honors Day 2006



Dr. Peggy Barr, receiving the Pfizer Award for Research Excellence from Dean Shirley Johnston.

STUDENT AWARDS

The President's Society Award - **Sara Stoll, DVM '08**
 Dean's Award - **Karen Eiler, DVM '07**
 The Stella and R. Ashley Robinson Prize - **Caroline Bagshaw, DVM '09**
 VCA Central Animal Hospital Scholarship - **Tracy Yen, DVM '08**
 Juan Fuentelba Congeniality Award - **Zarah Hedge, DVM '09**
 Betty J. Jones & The Cassius Cat Foundation - **Emily Angell, DVM '08, Hiroko Hata, DVM '08, Lindsay Tangeman, DVM '09, Darlene Sanchez, DVM '09**
 Simmons & Associates Business Aptitude Award - **Colleen Tansey, DVM '08, Tracy Yen, DVM '08**
 Veterinary Learning Award & IDEXX - **Tracy Yen, DVM '09**
 Merial Community Service Public Relations Award - **Paige Heywood, DVM '07, Carolyn Olech, DVM '08, Kara Breeding, DVM '09**
 Pfizer Veterinary Student Scholarship Award - **Jennifer Boyle, DVM '07**
 Nestle Purina Award for Companion Animal Nutrition - **Karen Eiler, DVM '07**
 Wegert Scholarship - **Vinutha Gowda, DVM '07, Michael Hawkins, DVM '07, Jennie Magee, DVM '07, Nina Nardi, DVM '07, Mary Ware, DVM '07, Emily Angell, DVM '08, Liana Chang, DVM '08, Megan Dispenza, DVM '08, Miriam Harvey, DVM '08, Dennis Loveless, DVM '08, Melissa Thompson, DVM '08, Sarah Vineyard, DVM '08**
 Hill's Pet Nutrition Cast Study Award - **Jackie Imai, DVM '07**
 Winston Award - **Cynthia Kinney, DVM '07**

FACULTY AND STAFF AWARDS

Staff Appreciation Award - **Mr. Dean Raines**
 Carl Norden-Pfizer Distinguished Teacher Award - **Dr. Josep Rutllant-Labeaga**
 Pfizer Award for Research Excellence - **Dr. Peggy Barr**



Mr. Dean Raines, receiving Staff Appreciation Award from Ms. Karen Eiler, DVM '07.

THE NATIONAL DEAN'S LIST

DVM 2007	DVM 2008
Veronica Bocanegra	Emily Angell
Emily Clinton	Paula Capurro
Patrick Echolds	Shelby Coston
Karen Eiler	Tara Cotroneo
Lindsay Ellithorpe	Heather Elliott
Lauren Matzuka	Nathan Fynaardt
Lyndsey Najima	Miriam Harvey
JJ Rawlinson	Genevieve Mak
Michelle Schexneider	Jeremy O'Neill
Catherine Sohn	Alayson Phelps
Lara Staples	Sarah Sacco
Megan Templeton	Julia Schollenbach
Avery Woodworth	Danielle Shaffer
	Margaret Sislak
	Andrea Smith



Dr. Josep Rutllant receiving the Carl Norden-Pfizer Distinguished Teacher Award from Dean Shirley Johnston.

DVM 2009
 Caroline Bagshaw
 Kara Breeding
 Jessica Brophy
 Minden Buswell
 Yen Chou
 Vanessa Fravel
 Trudy Golub
 Zarah Hedge
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 Lindsey Tangeman

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Cassius Cat Foundation	Ms. Brenda G. Kauffman & Mr.	Daniel Osgood & Robin Leveitski		

Alpha Epsilon Chapter of Phi Zeta Formed

Honor Society of Veterinary Medicine, Receives Charter from Dr. Charles Hendrix

On Wednesday, May 10, 2006, **Dr. Charles M. Hendrix**, President of the National Society of Phi Zeta, presented the Charter for the new Alpha Epsilon Chapter at Western University of Health Sciences to **Dr. Peggy Barr**, Chapter President. Charter Chapter initiates include third year DVM students who rank in the top 10% of their class

academically (**Ms. Emily Clinton, Mr. Patrick Echolds, Ms. Karen Eiler, Ms. Lyndsey Najima, Ms. JJ Rawlinson, Ms. Michelle Schexneider, Ms. Lara Staples, Ms. Megan Templeton, and Ms Avery Woodworth**) and faculty members who are veterinarians and who have taught at WesternU for more than two years (**Drs. Malika Kachani, Robert Mason, Josep Rutllant, Peggy Schmidt, John Tegzes and Stephen Waldhalm**). Western University of Health Sciences President **Philip Pumerantz** and CVM Associate Professor **Gini Barrett** were initiated as Honorary Members. Chapter officers elected at the meeting are **Dr. Peggy Barr**, President; **Dr. Tom Phillips**, Vice President; and **Drs. Beth Boynton and Rosalie Trevejo**, co-Secretary/Treasurer. CVM faculty members who are founding members of this chapter of Phi Zeta following initiation at other colleges include **Drs. Peggy Barr, Joe Bertone, Beth Boynton, Wendell Cole, Maria Fahie, Carmen Fuentealba, Oscar Illanes, Gary Johnston, Shirley Johnston, Wael**



Dr. Charles Hendrix, President of the National Veterinary Honor Society of Phi Zeta, presents Charter for the new Alpha Epsilon Chapter to Chapter President Dr. Peggy Barr, Chapter Vice President Dr. Tom Phillips, and CVM Dean Shirley Johnston.



Initiates of the Alpha Epsilon Chapter of Phi Zeta, (from left) Emily Clinton, Lyndsey Najima, Karen Eiler, Megan Templeton, Stephen Waldhalm, Malika Kachai, Robert Mason, Gini Barrett, Avery Woodworth, Michelle Schexneider, Peggy Schmidt, and JJ Rawlinson, with Peggy Barr (Chapter President), Tom Phillips (Chapter Vice President), and Charles Hendrix (President, National Society).

Khamas, Tracy Murchie, Phillip Nelson, Heather Nevill, Tom Phillips, Amy Raines, Donna Shettko, John Tegzes, Suzana Tkalcic, Rosalie Trevejo, John Tyler and Victoria Voith.

In his remarks, Dr. Hendrix noted that Phi Zeta was founded in 1925 at Cornell University, and that the Alpha Epsilon Chapter is the 29th Chapter to be formed.



Amber Andersen

Born and raised in San Diego, I left the city to play with the cows at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo as an animal science major. I like things that are outside the box, so the innovative program at WesternU is a great fit. Every week I find a new area of interest in veterinary medicine, so who knows where I will end up, but I am sure it will be a fascinating journey.



Amber Brown

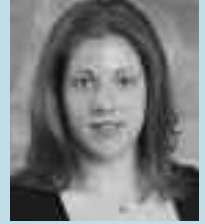
I grew up in Lake Forest, California. Since I was 5 years old I have dreamed of becoming a veterinarian. I have remained focused and have received an animal science degree with a concentration in pre-veterinary medicine from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

I am a 2005 graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. I am originally from a horse/beef farm in the depths of small town Wisconsin. My career interests are in large animal medicine, but from there my future is uncertain. Currently, I am looking forward to being a second-year!



Minden Buswell

The east coast is what I have known my whole life. I grew up in New York and received my bachelor's degree in animal science at the University of Rhode Island. WesternU has brought me to California to pursue my future in animal medicine. I am interested in small animal medicine, partly due to my two miniature dachshunds, Mattingly and Jewel.



Nicole Campanaro



Yen Chou

I was born in Taiwan and came to the U.S. when I was 12. For undergrad I went to beautiful UC Santa Cruz and obtained a degree in biology. I love to travel. If you have fun facts about certain cultures, I'll be hyped to hear them.



John David

I graduated from UC Davis with a BS in biotech in June, 2005. After getting my DVM, I hope to enter laboratory animal medicine.

I was raised in Irvine and got my undergraduate degree in biology from Whitman College. After fulfilling my childhood dream of getting into vet school, I'm having a great time learning all I can. I hope to go into small animal practice or research, or get a behavior specialization.



Elizabeth Ingram

I grew up in upstate New York, but have been enjoying California weather since the summer of 2002. I received my BS in biology from SUNY New Paltz. My career interests include small animal emergency medicine, internal medicine, and ornithology.



Rebekah Kane



Petra Johansson

I come from the beautiful country of Finland—the land of a thousand lakes. I graduated with a BS in marine biology from CSULB. I've researched stingrays, rehabilitated marine mammals, and worked for an environmental consulting firm. I enjoy the outdoors, love animals, and treasure good friends.



Gaël Lamielle

I am originally from France and moved to the U.S. seven years ago. I am interested in marine animal medicine...let's see how that goes. I initially moved to Orange County and then went to undergrad in the town of Huntingdon, PA, at Juniata College.



I'm from Massachusetts and attended the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. I received my BS in Animal Science. I worked for three years at an animal hospital in Massachusetts before moving out to California. I enjoy traveling, volunteering and hanging out with my dog Seamus.



Erin McNeill

I was born and raised in Southern California, and spent my summers in Australia on my grandparent's farm working with horses. I received my BS from Cal Poly Pomona in animal science, and am currently working towards an MS at Cal Poly. I am interested in equine medicine.



Nicole Petschauer



Armi Pigott

I graduated from Texas A&M University with a degree in animal science. I enjoy both large and small animal medicine. Upon graduation I plan to return to my hometown of Corpus Christi, Texas and enter into private practice with my dad.



Darci Pollard

A native of Southern California, I love the outdoors, especially biking, camping, and the beach! I obtained my BA from UCLA and teaching credentials from UC Santa Barbara. I taught elementary special education and kindergarten. My goal is to work in small animal medicine, specializing in oncology, or exotics.

I was born and raised in southern California. I hold bachelor's and master's degrees in animal science. I have owned horses, birds, lizards, rats and fish, but I have never owned a dog or a cat. I hope to go into large animal wildlife medicine.



Cheryl Sanfilippo

I grew up in East Grand Forks, Minnesota. I graduated from Bemidji State University in 2004 with a BS in biology. I worked as a veterinary technician for the last three years. My current interests are internal medicine and ultrasound, but it changes daily! I moved to California with my wonderful husband, Jerry, my two dogs, Tobi and Aden, and I can't forget Snuggles (the cat!)



Renae Selzer



Marc Togneri

I grew up in the countryside of "The Garden State." Then I attained my undergraduate bachelor degrees from UMass. I enjoy spending time at my cabin in the woods cleaning my rifles and working on my lifted truck. My hobbies are NASCAR, wrestling crocodiles, and spending time with my hound.



Amy Wertheimer

I grew up in Palos Verdes, California. I went to Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington and majored in psychology. I now live in Claremont with four great roommates, my dog Lucy, my cat, Chillie, and my horse, Ava, which is just down the street.

I grew up in Saratoga, California and graduated from Cal Poly in beautiful San Luis Obispo with a BS in animal science. Soon after graduating I moved to Claremont to start at WesternU where I have met tons of amazing people and have learned so much in just a year.



Brianna Wilson

I was born and raised in San Francisco, attended Cal State Fresno, and earned my biology BS with an emphasis in anatomy and physiology. My interests are small animal medicine, mostly surgery. I hope to explore the different options that veterinary medicine has to offer as I continue my education here at WesternU.



Christine Wong



Heather Nevill

DR. HEATHER NEVILL was raised and educated in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, but she has worked in areas of the country that are decidedly different from the Gulf Coast. Like many veterinarians, she chose her career in preschool, but later, in high school, lost interest in science. She describes it as dumb luck that landed her in Ms. Ware's class; she was an energetic biology teacher who was known for taking students on weekend bird-watching trips. Her enthusiasm, love of birds, and belief in Heather's abilities reawakened her dream.

She graduated from Louisiana State University in 1994 with a BS in zoology, a minor in Religious Studies, and a strong desire to leave her home of 21 years. She applied to several out-of-state veterinary schools and was accepted to Cornell University where she earned her DVM in 1998. During her years in Ithaca, she worked in Cornell's wildlife clinic and raptor rehabilitation facility.

Her first veterinary position was in Fairbanks, Alaska, in a private practice that provided pro bono wildlife care. She had originally planned to practice only one year and then pursue a wildlife pathology residency, but fell in love with Alaska and with clinical practice. She stayed for four years and then moved to Southern California in support of her domestic partner, **Paige Heywood, DVM, '07**. Since landing here, she has worked in general practice, critical care, and oncology. She spends weekends following her passion by volunteering at a rehabilitation facility for marine birds and is always looking for more opportunities for field research.

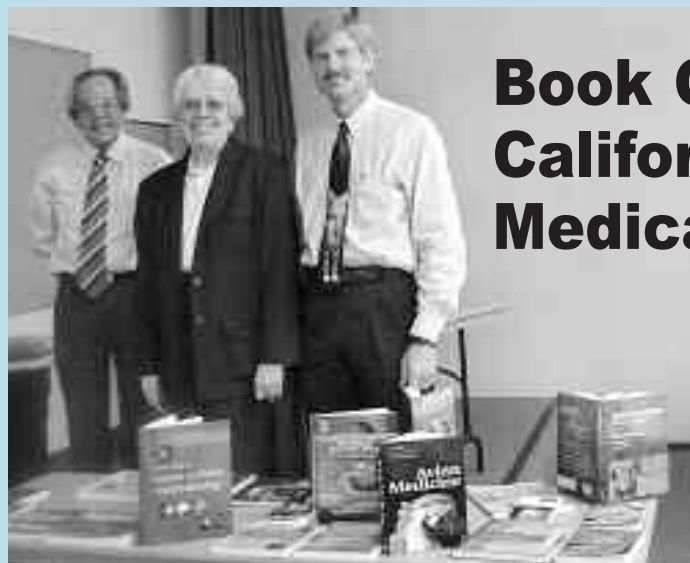
Dr. Nevill joined the faculty at WesternU in October, working with the Veterinary Ambulatory Community Service program.



Oscar Illanes

DR. OSCAR ILLANES, DVM, PhD, Diplomate ACVP, joined the College of Veterinary Medicine as Professor of Pathology in the summer of 2005. He holds the DVM degree from Austral University of Chile, a PhD (Neuroanatomy/Neuropathology) from the University of Liverpool, England and completed a veterinary pathology residency program at Texas

A&M University. His academic experience includes 4 years as Assistant Professor of Veterinary Anatomy and Pathology at his alma mater, and 9 wonderful years as a faculty member of the Department of Pathology and Microbiology, Atlantic Veterinary College, Prince Edward Island, Canada. He has considerable teaching and diagnostic pathology experience and was in charge of the pathology residency program at the Atlantic Veterinary College. In August 2001, lured by the beauty and benign weather of Southern California, he took a position as a pathologist at Pfizer Inc., La Jolla. However, he missed academic life, and, in July 2005, moved to Upland to join the faculty at WesternU. He is married to **Dr. Carmen Fuentealba** (Associate Dean for Clinical Programs and they have two sons: Francisco (age 19) an undergraduate student at the University of British Columbia and Javier (age 15) a freshman at Upland High School. The household is ruled by a Miniature Schnauzer of "uncertain age" named Molly.



Book Gift From the Southern California Veterinary Medical Association

Dean Shirley Johnston receives a gift to the College of Veterinary Medicine of 18 veterinary textbooks worth almost \$2,000 from Mr. Richard Holden, Executive Director, and Dr. Ronald Kelp, President of the Southern California Veterinary Medical Association.

CVM Student Serves in Iraq



Major Dawn Brown, United States Marine Corps, was admitted to the College of Veterinary Medicine in the fall of 2004, and was deployed to Iraq early in 2006. She expects to rejoin the CVM as a member of the Class of 2009 in January, 2007.

Life in Iraq has been an exciting opportunity to use my background in logistics and civil affairs to work for the Operations Section at a Marine Corps base at Al Taqaddum. My job is to facilitate the daily operations of the base, including facilities, construction, power and electrical issues, and to liaise with local vendors, contractors and military personnel who provide daily services to the base.

Veterinary medicine comes up in daily life here in several ways. Concerns with food hygiene and sanitation for American personnel, contractors, and the local populace, and infectious disease control are key factors in many of the decisions that we make daily. We also are concerned with insect control and livestock and wild animal populations. I do have enough time to

occasionally stop and watch all the birds and occasional wildlife we see—and miss home.

I will be in Iraq for a year, and I am living well. I have a warm, dry roof over my head, I can shower daily, and the food here, relatively speaking, is very good. Not all of our military personnel are living so well, and the Iraqi quality of life is much lower. So, if there is one lesson that I can take away from my time here in Iraq, it is to appreciate the freedoms and the opportunities we have in the United States.



Always In Our Hearts: Stories from the WAVE Program



“Florida Manatee MSW03131”

*Thank you to biologist Alex Costidis for the donation to the CVM WAVE program of a male Florida manatee after it suffered fatal injuries in a power boat collision in Estero Bay, FL. Alex works at the Marine Mammal Pathobiology Laboratory, Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission in St. Petersburg. The Florida manatee (*Trichechus manatus latirostris*) is an endangered species threatened with extinction because of environmental pollution, habitat encroachment, reduction of warm water refuges, collisions with boats, cold*

stress, entanglement in crab pots, and drowning when crushed in canal locks. There are only about 3200 Florida manatees left in the United States, and the species suffers a death rate of 300-400 per year.

The summer range of the Florida manatee ranges from Texas to Virginia; its winter habitat is typically limited to southwest and southeast Florida. Manatees, which are about 10 feet long and weigh close to 1000 pounds, are gentle and slow moving mammals. They consume 10-15% of their body weight a day, as complete herbivores. Their gestation period is 13 months, and, although rare, manatees do occasionally give birth to twins. Calves are usually weaned in two years and can live up to 60 years. Manatees have no natural predators, although alligators have been known to attack orphaned calves, and sharks occasionally attack wounded individuals.

Veronica Boling, DVM '09 articulated the manatee skeleton, and it hangs in the Veterinary Medicine Center atrium as a beautiful mobile, and a reminder of our need for conservation, of the plight of endangered species, and of the Reverence for Life philosophy of the College.

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*.





The Western Advisor

Making a Charitable Gift

Are you considering making a charitable contribution to the College of Veterinary Medicine or perhaps endowing a scholarship? Consider donating shares of appreciated stock instead of cash.

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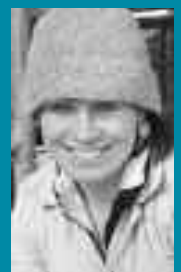
Jun 5.....	Earliest start date for 4th-year rotations
Jul 15-19.....	143rd AVMA Annual Convention, Honolulu, HI
Jul 19-29.....	2006 IVSA Congress
Aug 7.....	First day of Orientation Week, Fall 2006
Aug 12.....	Convocation & White Coat Ceremony (Dr. Temple Grandin, Speaker)
Aug 14.....	First day of Class, Fall 2006
Oct 2-6.....	Class of 2007 on Campus
Oct 9-13.....	Exam Week
Nov 4.....	Tribute To Caring, 2006, honoring Hill's Pet Nutrition and the Susan G. Komen Foundation
Nov 23-24.....	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 18-22.....	Finals Week
Dec 25 – Jan 5, 2007.....	Holiday Break
Jan 8.....	Classes resume, Spring Semester 2007
May 7-9.....	Class of 2007 on Campus
May 11.....	Commencement, Class of 2007

Correction:

Below are the corrected misspellings of two students' names from the Spring '06 issue of the *Outlook*.



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