

SCAVMA PRESENTS

# The California Waggie

## From Dean Osburn's Desk

As the school year winds down and you prepare for your summer activities, the faculty have initiated an Academic Planning process. We are undertaking this process to better determine the type of training we need to focus on as we prepare future graduates for the diverse career opportunities available to veterinarians in service to society. This is being done at the very time that the School is in the midst of a construction program that will permit us to increase the size of our classes. The increased student numbers will leverage more faculty members and this will help us to address the many the broad array of opportunities for our future graduates.

The topics that we are discussing include the future of: small animal practice – solo vs. group or corporate practices; food animal practice; specialty practices; ecosystem health practice; veterinary public practice (public health); and graduate education leading to careers in academic and research institutions. Faculty are hearing from experts in these fields who have shared their perspectives on the future directions in their respective fields, the background training needed to for future veterinarians, and the needs for veterinarians in these different fields. The information obtained from these discussions will be used by the faculty as they review the school's curriculum and determine what changes need to be made to prepare our future graduates.



In the fall, we plan to hold seminars for faculty that emphasize adult learning and teaching technologies and approaches that facilitate learning. We will also consider the types of clinical instruction and experiences that students should receive.

Decisions will be made on what is the core information that all students need to know, and what should be elective or left to post-graduate training.

The new instructional facilities will bring all faculty and students closer to the VMTH and the clinical programs. This will facilitate more case-based instruction and an increase in the problem-solving opportunities for students.

The School is happy to announce that we have just received and additional \$6.3 million for student

scholarships. This endowed gift will be invested to generate annual scholarship support in perpetuity. This very welcome gift came from a grateful pet and horse owner in Reno. Their local veterinarian, Dr. Jack Walther, the immediate past- President of the AVMA and a UC Davis graduate, encouraged them to assist students by leaving their estate to the School. We are fortunate to have thoughtful alumni who are there to assist the School and our students.

On behalf of all of the faculty and staff, we wish all of you an enjoyable summer. In particular, we wish the new graduates an exciting and profitable career, and those entering the clinical year the excitement of applying your basic knowledge to clinical cases.

Bennie Osburn  
Dean

## President's Message

Welcome to the first edition of The California Waggie. This was an idea born out of meetings with the Dean's office as a way to get the information they wanted out in the Stethoscope, and as a forum for us to communicate and potentially enhance our school environment. What will be found in each issue are updates from the Dean's office with what's new around the school, an update from SCAVMA to let you know what we are working on and areas to get involved, a calendar for the month with traditional Stethoscope deadlines, etc., but also club rounds, wetlabs, interesting events around town, and anything else that seems pertinent. There will also be a page of student bios, interesting facts, helpful tips, and anything else interesting we can find. The last page will be "Under the Wood's Lamp" where creative works can be submitted, quotes of the month will be posted, and embarrassing photos may surface. We hope this will be a fun endeavor that everyone will enjoy reading. Please feel free to make any comments as to what you want in here because we want this to be as useful and worth reading as possible. We hope you enjoy.

Brian Evans  
SCAVMA President 04-05

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**June 2005**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 TG	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 TG *White Coat Ceremony *Senior Portraits PDF App. Due	11 *Spring Food Sale 10-12
12	13	14	15	16 Last Day of Finals	17 Commencement 7:30 pm The Pavilion at ARC	18
19	20 1st Day of Senior Clinics	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 STAR Orientation Begins	28	29	30		

**Reminders:**

- \*\* The Senior's White Coat Ceremony will be held in the Tupper Quad from 5-6pm
- \*\* Senior Portraits will be taken in 203 Surge IV from 9-11:45am
- \*\* The summer food sale will be held at 2739 Albany Ave from 10-12
- \*\* Starting in May you can register your student organization for the 2005-06 school year. You must attend an orientation before registering; check the Student Programs and Activities Center (SPAC) Web site (<http://spacweb.ucdavis.edu/orientation.cfm>) for on-line orientation sign up. Questions? Email SPAC at [spac@ucdavis.edu](mailto:spac@ucdavis.edu) or call 752-2027.
- \*\* Orders for the 2004-05 School yearbook are being accepted through June 10. The cost is \$40 and will be available around mid-September. Contact Kara Harpham-Barlia (e-mail [klharpham@ucdavis.edu](mailto:klharpham@ucdavis.edu)) for more information

**Jobs:**

- \*\* Wanted: Student with background in riding young (meaning very green) horses. Good supervision, top hand on site, in exchange for salary and show-jumping lessons by top professionals.  
Need to reside in the South Sacramento area or Stockton as the opportunity is in Clements.  
Contact: Joan Curtin - 425-681-9571
- \*\* Assistant to the veterinarian: (physical exam, history taking, treatment, surgical assistant, radiology)  
Hours: daytime 40/ week, inc. ev Sat., Starting Date: asap, Compensation: \$15.00 per hour  
Background Requirements: Prefer 2nd year or above. Exceptions for person with 4+ small animal experience.  
Milton K. Gee D.V.M., Santa Fe Animal Clinic, 301 Santa Fe Drive, Encinitas, CA 92024  
phone: 760-753-6512, fax: 760-753-7914, email: [miltonkgeedvm@yahoo.com](mailto:miltonkgeedvm@yahoo.com)
- \*\* Seeking 1st or 2nd year. 2 positions available. Work directly with oncologist and dermatologist.  
Contact Carol Hamstreet, Hospital Manager, VCA Sacramento Animal Medical Group #522, Phone: 916-331-7430, Fax: 916-339-8037

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**STUDENT PROFILES**
**Adrienne Ross - Class of 2006**

Adrienne is originally from Los Angeles, CA and bravely moved to College Station, TX to get a degree in Biomedical Science from Texas A&M University. After working a few years in biotech at Genentech, she went back and got a Master's degree in Neurophysiology. Her life took a turn for the better when she discovered the beauty of things that could eat her, namely Great White sharks. She went on a couple of dives to see these massive creatures outside of San Francisco at the Farrallones Islands. It was there (in her first year of vet school, no less) that she had the idea to take part of the money generated by this "ecotourism" (by general rule of thumb, everyone on these dives has at least one shark tattoo as proof they really, really like sharks) and use it to help research the sharks. Through all this, she has travelled to Guadalupe, Mexico on dives and more in the Farrallones trying to perfect the way to take muscle biopsies and draw blood on wild, live, non-sedated Great White sharks. These feasibility studies are now a few years in the making and soon hopes to get outside funding to expand the project. Her after-school plans are still in the works, but right now are focused on finishing her last year of school and her research.

**Dan McConnel - Class of 2007**

Dan was raised in Caldwell, ID. During his senior year in high school, he had an opportunity to study in Japan. Upon returning, he enrolled at Washington University in St. Louis, MI as a Japanese language and literature major. He was so enthralled with Japan and its culture that he once again visited Japan during his 3rd year at Washington. After graduating Dan did the only logical thing, he moved to Japan to live and work in the culture he had grown to love. He began working for the government in their international relations department. While there, he had the privilege of taking the President of France to a Sumo tournament. After two years of working for the government, Dan began teaching at a prep school. After living in Japan for 6 years Dan thought it might be time to move back to his native country. He began working at Guide Dogs For The Blind and he completed his veterinary pre-requisites at Cal State Hayward. Dan is poised to complete his 2nd year and has interests in just about every field of veterinary medicine known to man. He is working with both small animal and large animal treatment crew, and he truly has a love for all facets of veterinary medicine.

**Ryan Garcia  
Class of 2008**

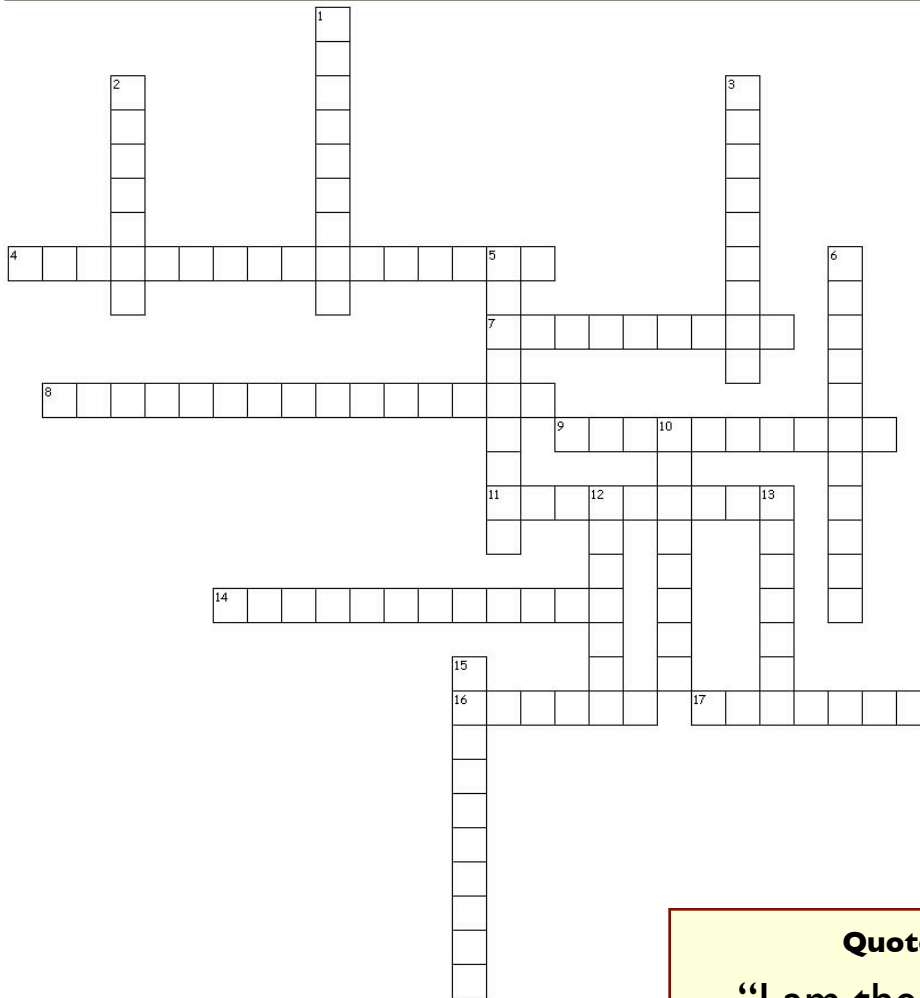
Ryan Garcia is not just a first year veterinary student, inquisitive pupil, pseudo-trial lawyer and stand-in small animal radiology case discussions TA (not self-proclaimed). He has lived much more. Garcia's journey began with his birth in 1977 to an eager family in Pittsburgh, PA. Around his fifth year of life, the Garcia family moved to Georgia to pursue Ryan's father's career as a manufacturing representative in the paper mill business. To this day, Ryan remembers the smell of freshly manipulated papyrus and cringes. HeMan, Thundercats and Jem round out Garcia's major influences in his youth. When asked which protagonist inspired him the most, his answer was unequivocally Snarff from Thundercats. Was it the fact that Snarff was Lion-Os "nursemaid", with the unwavering fidelity that provided inspiration to Garcia? There are PhD thesis projects that have encompassed less. A turning point in Garcia's life came when he was immortalized on the "Sally Jesse Rafael Show". The show featured wives that had found various paraphernalia in their husband's collection. Garcia's mother exposed a provocative pair of drawers with a devil's face providing a fitting home for the less mentionable male body parts. To protect Garcia's wholesome image, his profile was pixilated and his voice was reduced three registers. Garcia began his studies at University of Georgia. He left his undergraduate post at Georgia and moved to the University of California in Los Angeles where he continued his education and fulfilled his pre-veterinary requisites. He then applied to the veterinary school here at UC Davis to further his professional goals.

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**DID YOU KNOW FACTOID**

You do not have to write "@ucdavis.edu" at the end of an outgoing email address if you are emailing from your UC Davis account.

# FROM UNDER THE WOOD'S LAMP



**Across**

- 4. Increased alveolar ventilation in excess of CO<sub>2</sub> production
- 7. Rapid respiration
- 8. Increased arterial PCO<sub>2</sub>
- 9. Synonym for second degree AV block Mobitz Type I
- 11. Hemorrhage from the nose
- 14. \_\_\_\_\_ Cardiomyopathy: Cardiac disease Doberman Pinschers are genetically prone to
- 16. Normal respiration
- 17. High pitched respiratory sound

**Down**

- 1. Decreased arterial oxygen content
- 2. The sensation of difficult or uncomfortable breathing
- 3. Increased minute ventilation
- 5. Inability to breathe in the supine position
- 6. Increased arterial CO<sub>2</sub> content
- 10. Bluish discoloration of mucous membranes
- 12. A brief loss of consciousness caused by a temporary deficiency of oxygen in the brain
- 13. Snoring sound
- 15. Coughing up blood

**Quote Of The Month:**

“I am the only guy who can make sex boring!”

Dr. Stuart Meyers



**Choose The Caption:**

- 1. Give me that beer... HI-YA!!!
- 2. I am the Lord Of The Dance!
- 3. Please... Someone help me... I am falling backwards very, very slowly!
- 4. We can dance if we want to, we can leave your friends behind, cause your friends don't dance and if they don't dance, well they're no friends of mine!