

Kudos

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received the International Award for Scientific Achievement from the World Small Animal Veterinary Medical Association/Waltham.

William Pritchard, professor emeritus and former dean of the school, received an honorary Doctor of Science degree from Canada's University of Guelph, the most recent in a long line of similar honors. From 1962 to 1982, Dr. Pritchard led the School of Veterinary Medicine during a time of expansion in veterinary science and education. As an expert on infectious animal diseases, he has been associated with the development of international research laboratories, agricultural research organizations and international health groups, including the World Health Organization. He now spends his "free" time as a rice and walnut farmer.

Randy Singer received the award for best graduate student presentation in the Epidemiology and Animal Health Economics section at the Conference of Research Workers in Animal Disease last December. He is a

co-founder of the Mercer Veterinary Clinic for the Homeless.

Bradford Smith, director, Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital, received the American Feed Industry Award for outstanding contributions to nutritional research.

The **Robert Emrie Smith Memorial Research Fellowship**, created to support creative graduate student research in physiological sciences, was awarded to the following four nominees:

Kimberly Dixon, nutrition doctoral student: role of the vagus nerve in amino acid imbalance anorexia;

Rennée Moore, postdoctoral research fellow in molecular biosciences: molecular physiology of muscle cells;

Adam Rechs, physiology doctoral student: neuronal mechanisms involved in the ability to differentiate diets adequate in essential amino acids;

Ban Truong nutrition doctoral student: neuromechanisms involved in amino acid imbalance anorexia.

Eugene Steffey, professor, surgical and radiological sciences, became an

Honorary Associate of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons and was elected to membership in the Association of University Anesthesiologists.

Susan Stover, associate professor; anatomy, physiology and cell biology; received the Bayer Animal Health Excellence in Equine Research Award.

George B.E. West, DVM '57, MPVM '77, received the 1998 Distinguished Achievement Award for career, community or public service from the Cal Aggie Alumni Association. Dr. West is a lecturer in avian medicine, avian and swine immunology, foreign animal diseases, and public health and food safety. He served the military for 34 years and has served the public as a veterinarian with the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

Tilahun Yilma, director, International Laboratory for the Molecular Biology of Tropical Diseases, received a Distinguished Service Award from the Organization of African Unity for the Pan African Rinderpest Campaign.

Alumni Notes

Final selection of the **Donald G. Low/CVMA Practitioner Fellows** for the 1999-2000 academic year will take place by August.

Fellowship application forms for the 2000-2001 academic year will be available on the Web site: (www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/ce/lowfellowship.html).

The application deadline is in May for fellowships that will be undertaken during the following academic year.

The **Class of 1954** held a reunion on April 24, 1999, at the Putah Creek Lodge on the UC Davis Campus.

James Thomas says, "A really great day! This was a memorable reunion from my standpoint. I was truly upbeat until I said goodbye and was walking away from my friends. Then for a moment I felt kind of lumpy, wondering who would answer the roll call for the next reunion—but these parties aren't for thinking, they're for celebrating. Let's do it again, not wait five years!"

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Pictured left to right: (back row) Frost, Dow, Patterson, Johnson, Oliver, Baymiller, Hartjen, R. Dillon, Robinson, Martin, Clinkenbeard; (front row) Thomas, Burt, Herron, Stoufer, Wilken, Schlingman, B. Dillon.