

erinary dermatology at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, School of Veterinary Medicine, received the American College of Veterinary Dermatology's 2003 Award for Excellence, based on his outstanding contributions to science and education. Dr. DeBoer teaches dermatology, provides clinical service and studies ways to improve dermatological treatments. He was board-certified in veterinary dermatology in 1987.

James MacLachlan, professor, received the 2003 Pfizer Animal Health Award for Research Excellence. Dr. MacLachlan directs the Gloria and Bernard Salick Equine Viral Disease Laboratory, and conducts basic research on viral disease organisms through the Bernice Barbour Communicable Disease Laboratory.

Mercer Veterinary Clinic for Pets of the Homeless received a UC Davis Community Service Award in May 2003. Congratulations also go to award recipient **Kim Bahrani**, class of 2006. The campus group Human Corps, sponsor of this event, promotes community service and leadership.

Melissa A. Miller (DVM 1994, PhD 2002, UC Davis), was named Fellow of the Morris Animal Foundation, which honors students who participate on the investigative teams of foundation-funded animal health studies. Dr. Miller, staff veterinarian at the school's Wildlife Health Center, studies emerging wildlife diseases, particularly in sea otters.

Bennie Osburn was elected in November 2003 as a Distinguished Member of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists (ACVP) in recognition of his pivotal research in ontogeny of the fetal immune response, his service to the profession through involvement in the AVMA and other professional organizations, and his leadership—as dean of the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine and as past president of the ACVP. **Dr. Osburn** also received the 2004 Distinguished Alumnus Award from Kansas State University.

Ken Pawlowski (DVM, UC Davis, 1996), charter owner and chief of staff at Banfield Pet Hospital in Folsom, was chosen last June as Outstanding DVM of the Year by California registered veterinary technicians (RVTs). The California Veterinary Medical Association, which represents more than 4,600 veterinary professionals in the state,

presents the award to a veterinarian who encourages and supports certified RVTs and utilizes RVTs and staff to their fullest potential. Dr. Pawlowski serves on the Animal Care Advisory committee for the City of Sacramento and is a CVMA Delegate for the Sacramento Valley Veterinary Medical Association.

Quinton Rogers, professor, was elected Fellow of the American Society of Nutritional Sciences.

Eugene Steffey, professor, was awarded and honorary doctorate, Doctor honoris causa, Dies academicus, in 2003 by the University of Berne, Switzerland.

Hanspeter Witschi, MD, professor of toxicology in the Schools of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine, received the 2004 Herbert E. Stokinger Award for a significant contribution to the field of industrial and environmental toxicology. His research has focused on beryllium toxicity and on mechanisms of acute and chronic lung disease caused by industrial and environmental pollutants. He currently studies chemoprevention of lung cancer in animal models of tobacco smoke carcinogenesis.

Tilahun Yilma, professor of virology and director of the International Laboratory of Molecular Biology for Tropical Disease Agents, was elected in April 2004 to the National Academy of Sciences, one of the highest honors accorded to scientists and engineers in the United States. Dr. Yilma, born in Ethiopia, earned his DVM degree from UC Davis in 1970. He then returned to Ethiopia and for two years vaccinated nomadic cattle herds against rinderpest, a deadly viral disease affecting cattle and wildlife. In 1977, he earned a PhD degree in microbiology and joined the UC Davis faculty. He also worked for three years at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Plum Island Animal Disease Center in New York. In 1986 Dr. Yilma developed a genetically engineered vaccine for rinderpest, approved in 1997 for use throughout Africa. He developed rinderpest diagnostic kits and organized training programs to make the kits available to African scientists. His current research is aimed at developing an AIDS vaccine and improved smallpox vaccine. He has also devoted extensive efforts to securing funding for biotechnology laboratories in developing nations.

IN MEMORIAM

Nancy Bruss, who formerly served as CE coordinator in the Dean's Office, died Oct 8, 2003 after a 10-month battle with brain cancer. She was 56.

Donald Cordy, professor emeritus, founder of the department of veterinary pathology and charter member of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists, died January 23, 2003. He was 90.

Bernard "Bernie" F. Feldman (PhD, comparative pathology, UC Davis), professor, Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine, Virginia Tech, was killed in an automobile accident February 19, 2004. He was 66. Dr. Feldman, a clinical pathologist and hematologist, was a professor of clinical pathology at UC Davis for 22 years.

Charles Franti, professor emeritus in biostatistics, died at his Davis home of cardiac arrest on May 26, 2003. He was 70. He joined the faculty in 1967 and also taught statistics for many years in the school's MPVM program.

Jacqueline (Grandy) LeCouteur died peacefully at home on April 27, 2003, after a long battle with breast cancer. She was 51. Dr. Grandy was a postgraduate researcher working on brain tumor research with her husband Richard LeCouteur.

Arthur Hazarabedian, class of '59, died March 31. Dr. Hazarabedian served as chair of the Armenian Technology Group, a collaboration between UC Davis and Armenia for animal health research and technology transfer.

Olaf Hedstrom, class of '76, died February 11, 2003. He was 54. Dr. Hedstrom was a veterinary pathologist, diagnostician, and associate professor at Oregon State University.

Jack Moulton, professor emeritus, died May 3, 2003. He was 81. Dr. Moulton was a faculty member in pathology from 1953 until he retired in 1987, and a veterinary officer in the U.S. Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare. His book, *Tumors in Domestic Animals*, is still used in veterinary schools around the world.

Harold "Hal" Parker, class of '52, who served as a faculty member in both physiology and surgery, died at his home in Davis July 31, 2003. He was 83. As an undergraduate, Dr. Parker founded the Pre-Vet Association and participated in the school groundbreaking. Dr. Parker's research focused on renal function and electrolyte balance in pets and domestic animals. He developed an intensive care unit that later became a model for small animal ICUs worldwide.

Berwyn Richards, class of '52, died June 4, 2003 at 83. Dr. Richards practiced equine, bovine and small animal medicine in Santa Rosa for 32 years.