



The second graduating class (1953) of the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, celebrating their 50th anniversary, created a ceremonial bouquet representing each member of the class, and attended Commencement 2003 as honored guests.



VMIF

The Veterinary Medicine Instructional Facility (VMIF) is the heart of a new veterinary medical campus scheduled for construction near the existing Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital. It will be the premier veterinary teaching facility of its kind in the nation.



The CVMA moved the campaign forward last August when CVMA President Peter Weinstein presented the first installment of a \$25,000 pledge to Dean Bennie Osburn. The CVMA will name a student commons or "home room."



As part of their 50th reunion, the class of '53 presented the school with a \$75,000 gift to support student-oriented upgrades to the planned Veterinary Medical Instructional Facility. Dr. Jack Pflock, Dr. James Bittle, Mrs. Ruth Bittle and Dr. Arthur Eisenhower attended the class reunion last June.



The class of 1953 gift allows the classmates to name the VMIF faculty/alumni conference room (artist's rendering, above and right). Student spaces, designed for interaction as well as quiet or individual study, will be near the school's other instructional, clinical and laboratory buildings, and will meet one of the needs for the reinstatement of a full accreditation rating from the AVMA. The VMIF groundbreaking was held May 7, 2004.



Instructional Facility

"Giving Back" to the Profession—Enhancing First New Classroom Building in Decades

The Veterinary Medical Instructional Facility (VMIF), scheduled to be completed in 2006–07, will be the school's first permanent classroom building to be constructed in 30 years.

The VMIF is the critical component for the restoration of full accreditation, after the American Veterinary Medical Association put the school on "limited accreditation" in 1998 due to outdated, inefficient and undersized instructional space.

The VMIF is part of a five-year, multi-phase plan to develop a new veterinary medical campus located in the vicinity of the Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital (VMTH), which will enable UC Davis to accept more students into the DVM degree program. While UC Davis is providing \$24.5

million for the basic VMIF, a volunteer committee of California veterinarians is working to raise an additional \$2.5 million in private support to add important student-oriented upgrades to the facility.

Private support will fund interactive meeting space, advanced instructional technology, conference rooms, and offices for student clubs and the nationally recognized Pet Loss Support Hotline.

Enhancements to the facility will include spaces suited for class reunions, faculty activities, lecture series, and Continuing Professional Education programs.

Each of the first-, second-, and third-year classes will, for the first time, have a commons or "home room" in the VMIF where they will be able to study or just relax between classes.

The campaign to raise funding for the enhancements has netted a significant portion of the \$2.5 million goal, yet there is still a need for nearly \$1 million to provide the additional educational resources for the VMIF.

VMIF campaign co-chair and alumnus Michael Floyd says, "Our faculty and staff need our support to construct a building that matches the caliber of their DVM training program."

The committee is seeking, in addition to cash contributions, multi-year pledges and gifts of appreciated property or real estate from fellow veterinarians, alumni, and friends of the school.

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