



## CLASS OF '83 CELEBRATES 20-YEAR REUNION WEEKEND

Forty-two classmates, spouses, children, and guests attended the Class of '83 Reunion August 8–10, 2003, in conjunction with the school's first Alumni Day. We kicked off our 20-year reunion with a Friday raft trip down the South Fork of the American River, including enough classmates and family members to fill several rafts. In the evening, we had a get-together at Community Park with light refreshments.

On Saturday and Sunday, a well attended Continuing Professional Education program of 10 lectures was given by members of the class of 1983 in 170 Schalm Hall, where we all spent much time as UC Davis students. On Saturday afternoon a tour of the VMTH and new Veterinary Medicine Laboratory Facility and lecture hall was led by Professor Emeritus Robert Leighton, and classmates toured the Mondavi Center. On Saturday evening at Putah Creek Lodge, we held an evening get-together, barbecue dinner, and slide show to reminisce about our veterinary school years. It was a wonderful time of visiting, remembering, and catching up. —Greta Heidner, '83

## ALUMNI DAY BRINGS TOGETHER CLASSMATES

The class of 2008 had the chance to meet alumni leaders in the veterinary profession as the classes of 1964 (40-year), 1974 (30-year) and 1984 (20-year) reunited during the second annual Alumni Day and Gala last June.

The combined celebrations bring alumni from each decade to campus to enjoy a reception and gala dinner, attend an array of continuing education courses, and be introduced to the incoming class of veterinary students.

## ALUMNI RECEIVE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Alumni Achievement Award, the School of Veterinary Medicine's highest honor, was presented during the 2004 commencement ceremony to **Robert H. (Bob) BonDurant**, professor and chair, Department of Population Health and Reproduction, UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, for academic excellence, faculty leadership, community outreach and student mentorship; **Bernard F. Feldman**, who served as professor of veterinary clinical pathology, Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, for outstanding contributions to academic veterinary medicine and scholarly contributions to clinical pathology;

and **Connor Jameson**, veterinarian and senior partner of Valley Veterinarians in Tulare, California, and cofounder and president of Valley Agricultural Software in Tulare, California, for lifelong service to the veterinary profession and contributions to dairy health.

Dr. BonDurant (DVM, 1974; residency, 1977) is known for inspired service to California animal agriculture and the veterinary profession. He is considered one of the world's leading experts on venereal diseases of livestock, and has carried out fundamental research on the pathogenesis of trichomoniasis (which causes infertility) and reproductive physiology. He was instrumental in establishing the food animal embryo transfer

program at UC Davis. Dr. BonDurant joined the UC Davis faculty in 1977, and has served as department chair of one of the school's most diverse departments since 1993.

Dr. Feldman (PhD, comparative pathology, 1978), an outstanding practitioner and academician, and a pioneer in the development of specialized veterinary medicine, died in an auto accident in February 2004. He served as professor of veterinary clinical pathology at UC Davis 1978–1990, director of the school's Comparative Hemostasis Laboratory, and chief of the Clinical Pathology Service, and focused on clinical pathology and hemostasis research when the field was in its infancy. At Virginia Polytechnic, he served as chief of service, Veterinary Clinical Diagnostic Laboratories; director of the Clinical Pathology Laboratory; director of the Comparative Hemostasis Laboratory; and mentor for numerous residents and graduate students.

Dr. Jameson (DVM, 1968) joined Valley Veterinarians in 1972, and began working in 1980 to develop DairyComp 305, now used worldwide by dairy men, nutritionists, researchers and veterinarians to monitor and analyze data related to animal health and production. He continues to be an ambassador and role model for veterinary medicine as mentor for young individuals interested in the dairy industry and veterinary medicine.



Bob BonDurant



Bernard Feldman



Connor Jameson