DEAN’S CLUB HONOR ROLL
July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006

Some Dean’s Club members, most of whom are alumni, support the School of Veterinary Medicine Annual Fund to give back to the profession they love. Some give because they feel kinship with veterinary and graduate students and their financial hardships. Others give to support the school’s reputation for academic excellence.

“I value their tremendous support,” says Dean Bennie Osburn. “I also draw strength from knowing that I have a close circle of friends and supporters who understand the challenges and opportunities facing the school and are willing to join with me in addressing them. From time to time I call upon members of the Dean’s Club to serve as school ambassadors, and I seek their insight on a variety of issues.”

THE PETER J. KENNEDY MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP:
AN ENDURING TRIBUTE

In honor of Peter Kennedy’s career as a teacher, researcher and mentor, a graduate student fellowship bearing his name was established in 2002. The Peter J. Kennedy Memorial Fellowship supports students pursuing academic careers in veterinary anatomic pathology.

The initial endowment campaign was spearheaded by Dr. Kennedy’s former student, William Spangler of Winters, California and N. James MacLachlan, professor in the school’s Department of Pathology, Microbiology and Immunology (PMI). Since 2002, three students have received the prestigious fellowship through competitive selection by a committee of faculty members and Dr. Spangler.

Sadly, Dr. Kennedy passed away in 2006, but not before knowing that his named fellowship was helping students to pursue graduate research.

The current Kennedy Fellow is Clifton Drew, DVM. Dr. Drew completed a residency in anatomic pathology and is now working toward a PhD degree in Dr. MacLachlan’s laboratory. His work is focused on the pathogenesis of equine viral arteritis.

“The success of this endowment reflects both Dr. Kennedy’s long career training veterinary pathologists and the loyalty of our program’s alumni toward their UC Davis experience. The endowment is an important component of our overall pathology training program, as it allows us to support research in aspects of veterinary disease that don’t fit the mission of human health-oriented government agencies like NIH,” says Dennis Wilson, PMI department chair. “I know Peter was pleased with the support we have been able to provide to our graduate students, and he was very touched by the response,” says Dr. Wilson.

Tributes to further develop the fellowship are still being accepted. For more information, contact the school’s development office, (530) 752-7024.

NEW SOCIETY HONORS
LONGTIME DONORS

To honor continuing, longtime support of the School of Veterinary Medicine, Dean Osburn has established the Garrod Society, which recognizes current donors who have made gifts to the school for 10 consecutive years.

R. Vince Garrod, chairman of the California State Board of Agriculture in the 1930s, worked for a decade to build state-wide support to establish a veterinary school on the UC Davis campus. The school’s first class was accepted in 1948.

Garrod Drive, the campus street named in his honor, now leads to the heart of the new Health Sciences District and School of Veterinary Medicine.

Mr. Garrod, who never finished elementary school, was a respected agricultural leader who instilled the value of education in his children. In 2003, his great-granddaughter, Melissa Garrod, earned her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from UC Davis.

Mr. Garrod’s son, Vince, says “We as a family are pleased and honored to have the name of R. Vince Garrod so remembered and used.”

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