

## Classrooms Dedication: School Takes Major Step In Facilities Plan as Gladys Valley Hall Opens

A team of Percheron horses and a sense of anticipation accompanied scores of guests and members of the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine at the June 15 dedication of Gladys Valley Hall.

With the opening of this essential classroom building, the school is about one-third of the way toward realizing its \$354 million long-range facilities plan.

Gladys Valley Hall is the instructional heart of the emerging veterinary campus in the Health Sciences District, which includes the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital with its clinical education programs and instructional laboratories, the Vet Med 3A building under construction, and several other facilities.

"Gladys Valley Hall will serve as a home for lifelong learning, providing both a contemporary environment for DVM and MPVM students and a welcoming center for alumni events and continuing education," says Bennie Osburn, dean.

The two-story building will accommodate large-scale lectures, classroom discussions, computer study sessions, student volunteer activities, informal faculty-student exchanges, and alumni gatherings.

The building features two large auditoriums, five classrooms and four seminar rooms, several conference areas, and a computer classroom/office suite for the Master of Preventive Veterinary Medicine program. It also contains rooms for the study of diagnostic imaging and clinical practice.

An alumni gallery, four quiet zones for individual or group study, space for student organizations, and homerooms for each of the first three class years are among the special features. A mother's room, seven showers and 450 lockers round out the list of amenities.

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Construction costs totaled \$27 million and came from university and other public funds as well as private sources. Alumni and other friends of the school gave nearly \$2.7 million to expand the facility by 12 percent and provide additional upgrades and instructional equipment.

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Six Percheron horses from Hames Valley Vineyards conveyed Professor Niels Pedersen, Dean Bennie Osburn, 4th-year veterinary student April Miles, President of the Wayne and Gladys Valley Foundation Tammy Valley and her son Nathan, Chancellor Larry Vanderhoef, and alumnus Michael Floyd to the ribbon cutting ceremony for Gladys Valley Hall. The Percheron team was driven by Joel Vilorio of the Aggie Drafts.





The VCA Lecture Theater, with its commemorative “take a seat” name plates, is ready for its first students when academic classes begin for 2006–07 and the Fall Symposium is held September 17.

## Gladys Valley Hall

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“The generosity and dedication of alumni and friends to provide a world-class learning environment for our veterinary students is truly remarkable. Their passion and belief in veterinary medicine and their willingness to invest in the education of future veterinarians help sustain UC’s enduring legacy and commitment to training the finest veterinarians in the world,” says John Pascoe, executive associate dean who has led the planning, design and construction of new facilities for the school.

The building is named for Gladys Valley, longtime friend of the school, horse lover and co-founder of the Wayne and Gladys Valley Foundation



of Oakland, California. The school proudly honors both the foundation and family who took the lead in helping the school when the need for new facilities reached a crisis in 1998. The gift of \$10.7 million—at that time the largest donation the school had ever received—jump-started building construction, inspired further giving, and helped the school regain full AVMA accreditation.

An alumni committee, headed by Niels Pedersen and Michael Floyd, raised nearly \$3 million for the project.

Among its distinctions, Gladys Valley Hall is the first campus building to seek certification under the United States Green Building Council’s LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) rating system. Architects expect the facility to use one-third less energy than a building of standard design. Use of natural and recycled materials, natural light, evaporative cooling and natural ventilation, among other features, has already earned it a Best Practices Award for Overall Sustainable Design from California’s Higher Education Energy Partnership.

**Students will be able to study, relax or confer between classes in their first-, second- or third-year veterinary student commons, which interconnect.**

## ONGOING FACILITIES COMMITMENT

### NEXT STEP REQUIRES BOND PASSAGE

Even as the ribbon is cut to open Gladys Valley Hall, university officials, legislators and private donors are pressing ahead with the \$354 million plan to fully achieve expansion and modernization of the school’s infrastructure—both of which are required to maintain full accreditation status and accommodate anticipated growth.

Vet Med 3A is nearing completion. The six-story, \$77 million teaching and research facility will house the J.D. Wheat Veterinary Orthopedic Research Laboratory, clinical and necropsy space, and multipurpose teaching labs in 98,000 square feet.

The next step in the plan is to raise public and private support for Vet Med 3B, the building that will house School of Veterinary Medicine faculty and research programs, and bring core veterinary programs together in the Health Sciences District. The cost estimate to build the structure is currently \$98.7 million.



The teaching and research facility Vet Med 3A, viewed from Valley Hall, is nearing completion. Vet Med 3B awaits funding.

Construction funding depends on passage of a \$10.4 billion bond act—to build, modernize and rehabilitate public schools, community colleges and public universities—being placed before voters in November 2006.

If the bond passes, the school will be seeking additional private support to enable construction of Vet Med 3B.