Kudos

The school’s Equine Necropsy Program received the first American Academy of Equine Practitioners Equine Welfare Award in December, 1996. Dennis Meagher, professor emeritus and interim equine medical director, accepted the award on behalf of the California Horse Racing Board.

Eugene Steffey, professor of surgical and radiological sciences, was elected honorary associate by members of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons in the United Kingdom last July.

Susan Stover, associate professor of anatomy, physiology and cell biology, received the Bayer Animal Health Excellence in Equine Research Award in July for her studies on musculoskeletal injuries of equine athletes. Her research, which defines events leading to injury, has enhanced diagnostic techniques and strategies for injury prevention.

The School of Veterinary Medicine Distinguished Service Award honors individuals and organizations whose service as volunteers, professionals or advocates has enriched school programs and enhanced the school’s teaching, research and/or service missions. The inaugural Distinguished Service Award was presented in 1997 to the following recipients:

Robert Leighton, professor emeritus, for serving continuing education of veterinarians and veterinary technicians, and for his ongoing service as host for visiting dignitaries, students and prospective faculty members.


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California Raptor Center volunteers and staff for their distinguished service in supporting the center’s rescue, rehabilitation, education and release programs.

William Winchester, assistant dean for Southern California continuing education, in recognition of his leadership in developing unique and collaborative veterinary and medical continuing education programs, and for representing the school to practitioners in Southern California.

The School of Veterinary Medicine El Blanco Award recognizes contributions that have led to important advances in animal health and well-being. Two individuals received the award last fall:

Leo Grillo, founder of D.E.L.T.A. Rescue, a non-profit organization that helps abandoned animals, for significant contributions in fostering development of a model animal hemodialysis center and supporting the creation of a clinical fellowship in renal medicine and hemodialysis.

Doug Van Beek, co-owner and manager of the Van Beek Brothers Dairy, for significant contributions to understanding dairy animal health and productivity through support of clinical studies on his 2,000-cow dairy.

Alumni Notes

Rick Arthur, ’76, Southern California equine practitioner, was installed in December 1996 as president of the American Academy of Equine Practitioners (AAEP).

Laura O’Farrell, ’93, has been certified as a diplomate of the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine (ACLAM), a specialty board recognized by the American Veterinary Medical Association.

Jerry Kaneko reports, “The class of ’56 held our 41st reunion during May 18–20, 1997 at the Asilomar conference center in Carmel. As usual, this was a highly successful annual event for our class attended by 20 of us plus our spouses, etc. We all enjoyed Asilomar and camaraderie, thanks to the efforts of Burt Sternau and Bob Bushnell. Our zest for life and for each other continues unabated, and we are looking forward to our 42nd reunion to be held in San Diego in spring ’98. It will be organized by classmate Werner Heuschele, director of research at the San Diego Zoo.”

During a trip to Greenland, UC Davis Chancellor Emeritus James Meyer recently visited School of Veterinary Medicine alumnus Charlie Rose, ’66, one of Greenland’s three veterinarians, and one of only 10 U.S. citizens in that country. He reports that following graduation, Dr. Rose went to Greenland with the Air Force and fell in love with the isolation, freedom and primitive lifestyle of the place, as well as with a Danish woman he met there. He practices out of Qaqortak, and without a road system in the country, service and inspection trips must be made by helicopter, snowmobile or boat. The telephone is used for consultations and educational classes for sheep farmers. Dr. Rose is noted for having the only lawn in Greenland.

L.A. Pierce College is trying to save its agriculture programs and needs alumni statistics to aid the defense. Dr. Leland Shapiro, director of pre-veterinary sciences, seeks all former students who are currently involved in the field of veterinary medicine. Please contact him at 6201 Winnetka Avenue, Woodland Hills CA 91371 or drcows@aol.com.

In Memoriam

Helen Taylor, ’92, was killed May 17, 1996, by an unknown assailant in her home in Trinidad. She was a lecturer at the University of the West Indies, Port of Spain.