

A New Face in the Clinics

One of the new faces in the clinics this fall is that of Dr. Marjorie Claxton (ISU '76), as she is now on staff in the Bovine section of the Food Animal Clinic. She brings with her the experience of spending three years in a mixed but predominantly large animal practice in Fayette, Iowa with Drs. Ernest J. Dahlquist (ISU '40) and Lauritz K. Larson (ISU '70). The practice involved mainly dairy, but often received such animals as exotic birds and reptiles when Upper Iowa University students brought in their pets.

Prior to practicing in Fayette, Dr. Claxton was employed as a nutritional consultant for Farm Bureau Service Company. Between these two jobs, she has accumulated alot of knowledge and interest in the area of animal nutrition, especially in dairy cattle. "It should be emphasized more in the field," she says, "but there just is not enough time to correct all of the problems in most cases. Often it is hard to convince the farmer that a nutritional problem actually exists."

Dr. Claxton grew up and has now returned to reside in Nevada, Iowa. She was encouraged by her father to enter the field of Veterinary Medicine while growing up on a farm where hogs and beef cattle were fed.

She likes the easy-going, nice atmosphere of the Bovine clinic, and thinks the hours are much more convenient than those for small animal clinicians. "Everyone here is very easy to work with," she says.

Among her most frequently seen cases in the Bovine section are foot problems in bulls, eye problems in beef cattle, and displaced abomasums in dairy cows. Many of her cases are valuable animals which have been referred to Iowa State, where the utmost in care and facilities are available.

Dr. Claxton is involved in a three year instructorship program, and will be working for a Masters degree during this time. We would like to extend our warmest welcome to Dr. Claxton and her 6 month old baby boy, Benjamin.