

Dr. R. Allen Packer, Emeritus Dies at Age 84

Dr. Raymond Allen Packer was born July 27, 1914 in Clemons, IA.

Dr. R. Allen Packer graduated from Iowa State University in 1940 with a B.S. in Animal Husbandry and a DVM degree. After graduation he married Jean E. Havens on August 30, 1940. He received his M.S. in Veterinary Microbiology in 1942, and his Ph.D. in Veterinary Microbiology in 1947.

He began his career at Iowa State University as assistant in the Department of Veterinary Hygiene in 1940, and was appointed instructor in 1942, Assistant Professor in 1943, Associate Professor in 1948, and served as Professor and Head of the Department of Veterinary Microbiology and Preventive Medicine from 1952 to 1980. He spent his entire career in the service of the Iowa State College of Veterinary Medicine, and retired in 1985.

During his tenure at Iowa State, he held numerous memberships, including the Graduate Committee, Athletic Council, Safety Committee, Public Health Committee, Farmhouse Fraternity, IVMA, AVMA, among others. He was a Diplomate in the ACVM. Among his other honorable positions, he was chosen as section chairman for the 18th World Veterinary Congress in Paris in 1967, and was president of the World Association of Veterinary Microbiologists

Meeting in 1973 in Bulgaria.

He was also awarded the ISU Faculty Citation in 1966, and was honored as Distinguished Professor in 1969. Even after retirement he remained active in the ISU community as he participated in efforts to restore the Campanile.

Among his interests were history, which led him to co-author "The First 100 Years of the College of Veterinary Medicine" with Dr. Frank K. Ramsey. He was also passionate about music, and was a charter member and first president of the Amestones Barbershop Chorus. He was also a member of the First Christian Church choir for many years.

Dr. Packer died on April 13, 1999 at the age of 84.

Tufts Animal Expo

Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine announced the launching of a new outreach event. Tufts Animal Expo is designed for veterinarians, technicians, hospital managers, groomers, breeders, handlers, and other animal care professionals. The Tufts Animal Expo creates a forum to bring together veterinary medical professionals with other segments of the animal care industry for further education on various health issues.

The event takes place October 10-13, 2000 in the Hynes Convention Center and Back Bay Hilton in Boston. Open only to professionals, the event consists of 4 days of in-depth educational programming with a 3-day trade exhibition, allied organization meetings, networking opportunities, and social events. "We expect this annual gathering to become the world's premier meeting devoted to improving animal health through education, outreach, and networking," said Philip Kosch, dean of the veterinary school that is planning to hold the expo every year.

The program plans to cover topics in veterinary medicine, nutrition, exotic animals, animal behavior, human-animal bond, public health, animals and the environment, practice management, and others.



Dr. R. Allen Packer, Professor Emeritus of Microbiology and Iowa State University Alumnus.

File Photo, 1985

Dr. John Greve Awarded Norden Distinguished Teaching Award

In Spring of 1999, Dr. John Greve was recognized for his excellence in teaching with his reception of the Norden distinguished teaching award. It is given to outstanding teachers in the faculty at Iowa State University who demonstrate dedication, character, and leadership in teaching, and significant advancement of the veterinary profession.



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A fitting reward for a lifetime devotion to teaching: Dr. John Greve (left) received the Norden Distinguished Teaching Award in 1999, in his final year of teaching. Congratulating him on the right is Assistant Dean Uhlenhopp.

Dr. Greve is in the process of retiring from the College of Veterinary Medicine and from teaching. He has been at Iowa State since 1963, and has taught parasitology to sophomores for over thirty years. His fun-loving attitude and passion for teaching were impressed upon hundreds of students during his tenure.

This marks the second time Dr. Greve has been recognized by the Norden Distinguished Teaching Award; he was first recognized in 1965, within two years of joining the faculty of the ISU CVM.

Curriculum Changes for Class of 2003

The new class of 2003 is experiencing many new changes in the curriculum of the College of Veterinary Medicine. The physiology class is now spread over the entire freshman year. The Anatomy course is also being changed to cover the entire year. In addition, a Case Study course was added to each

of the first four semesters to give the students an earlier exposure in their education to clinical applications of veterinary medicine.

It will also be the last time Biochemistry is taught to veterinary students as a required course. The ISU Veterinarian will cover the changes in-depth in its next issue.

2001 SAVMA Symposium

Iowa State University won the bid to host the annual SAVMA Symposium in 2001, on March 15, 16, and 17. Planning is already underway.

ISU Tuition to Increase 4.3%

In October the Iowa Board of Regents voted to raise tuition 4.3% for the 2000-2001 school year at all three regent universities. Iowa State University President Martin Jischke agrees with the increase saying, "Quality is not free." For the 1999-2000 school year, Iowa-resident veterinary students were paying \$6,356 per year in tuition alone, and out-of-state students were paying \$17,328 per year. The 4.3% increase results in approximately \$273 in increases next year for the resident student, and an additional \$745 for non-residents. Actual rates will be set by the regents in December 1999. ♦

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