

SAVMA National Convention

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In mid-July Gene Warren ('77) and Randy Gibson ('78) journeyed to southern California to represent ISU in the Student American Veterinary Medical Association's (SAVMA) Convention House of Delegates. The SAVMA meetings were held in conjunction with the AVMA National Convention at Anaheim July 14-16. Since every student who joins the local student chapter contributes dues to SAVMA, each student should be concerned with the outcome of the delegate meeting. A summary of the more important items follows.

The Native American Project has finally started to roll. The project was created to teach Indians on the Navaho reservation in Arizona some of the basics of veterinary medicine such as dehorning, castration and general livestock care and management. It is also designed to expose Indian youths to our profession and perhaps instill interest to pursue a career in veterinary medicine. Lastly, it gives veterinary students a chance to work on the reservation in a practitioner and teacher capacity during summers or senior blocks. Project director Lee Morris (CSU) announced that the project has finally received \$120,000 in federal funding.

The Student Employment Committee distributed a completed copy of the Student Employment-Preceptor Directory to each college. The directory contains the names of some 1700 veterinarians who will hire or serve as preceptors for veterinary students. The new chairperson will update the directory each year.

The Audio-Tutorial (AT) Excellence Program was conducted for the second year at the convention. AT programs submitted from all the veterinary colleges are judged by students. The winners in each division

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are made available for other colleges if they feel that the AT winners would improve their AT teaching program.

A proposal was passed to approach the AVMA and encourage a by-law change that would allow the SAVMA president and secretary to be seated as voting members in the AVMA House of Delegates. This would enable students to address the AVMA about issues concerning students.

An important SAVMA by-law change to bond the SAVMA executive council and the Educational Symposium Treasurer was approved. A stronger position on symposium guidelines was also adopted.

To better inform you of where SAVMA dues are allocated, the 1975-76 budget is:

Income:	
Opening balance	\$1750.00
Dues	<u>5000.00</u>
Total	\$6750.00
Expences:	
Intervet	\$2000.00
President	1200.00
President-Elect	100.00
Secretary	50.00
Treasurer	25.00
Closing President account	400.00
Phone expense	150.00
Travel	1500.00
Bonding	100.00
Native American Project	75.00
AT Awards Committee	50.00
Minority Affairs Committee	50.00
State and National Boards Committee	300.00
Student Employment Committee	75.00
Other	<u>25.00</u>
Total	\$6100.00
Projected Closing Balance	\$650.00

During the final session the Health Manpower Act pending in Congress was discussed. The bill has passed the House and will go into a Senate committee headed by Edward Kennedy. The present bill would require each and every veterinary student to pay back to the Federal Government any capitation funds their college would receive if the student did not practice in an underserved area. Capitation funds amount to \$1500 per year. In other words, upon graduation, each student would owe the federal government \$6000 and have no choice but to pay it back or serve four years in an underserved area.

The SAVMA secretary was directed to send letters of protest to Senator Kennedy and members of his committee. Each

college is urged to obtain a petition of students and faculty protesting the bill to be presented to the Senators. The possibility of having a SAVMA executive officer testify during the committee hearings will also be studied.

Elections were held with Gene Warren (ISU) elected as secretary, David Carter (Tuskegee) as treasurer, and Colorado was awarded the bid for the 1977 Educational Symposium. David Carlton (Texas A&M) assumed the office of president from his president-elect position and Steve Cairo (Ill.) will continue as editor of Inter-Vet.

If you have any questions pertaining to the National Convention or functions of your SAVMA, please contact Randy Gibson or Gene Warren.

STUDENT-FACULTY NEWS



Dr. Ramsey Retires

Frank K. Ramsey, distinguished professor and head of the Department of

Veterinary Pathology at Iowa State University since 1957, was honored at a banquet marking his retirement from administrative duties. About 300 persons attended the event held in the Sun Room of the Memorial Union.

Reflections on Dr. Ramsey's career were offered by W. Robert Parks, President of Iowa State University, George C. Christensen, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and P. T. Pearson, dean of the college.

Through a \$12,000 fund provided by the "Friends of Frank Ramsey", a portrait was presented to the college and an F. K. Ramsey Lecture Series was established. Through this lecture series, outstanding speakers in veterinary pathology or veterinary medicine in general will be brought to the campus. This will benefit not only the students and faculty in the college and the veterinarians throughout the state, but also other faculty throughout the university and U.S.D.A. personnel located in Ames, Iowa.