A Practitioner Assists In High School Career Days

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During each school year, a number of staff members from the College of Veterinary Medicine at Iowa State University are asked to participate in High School Career Days. The staff members are assisted by junior and senior veterinary students. On some occasions, the local veterinarians have also assisted in answering some of the questions.

This past year, Doctor John Mulder from Eagle Grove, Iowa, attended a portition of the Eagle Grove Career Day. Several weeks after the conference, he contacted the most interested students in the group and offered to take them to Iowa State University for a visit. Five students desired to go, so the Veterinary College was contacted and the necessary arrangements were made.

Doctor Mulder and his group arrived at 9:00 a.m. and were given a complete tour of the Veterinary College. During this visit, many questions were asked and answered concerning a career in Veterinary Medicine. The discussions were continued at an informal luncheon at the Memorial Union. The first part of the afternoon was spent visiting the registrar to obtain information on enrolling at Iowa State. The day was concluded by a tour through central campus and to the National Animal Disease Laboratory. Apparently the stimulated the minds of the students as Doctor Mulder was asked many additional questions on the return trip.

In order to interest good students in

pursuing Veterinary Medicine as a career, we must all do our part. Although this can be done many different ways, the visit arranged by Doctor Mulder appeared to be an excellent way to arouse the students' interest. How many of these students will become veterinarians is not known, but they should always have a better impression of Veterinary Medicine as a result of their one day visit with their local veterinarian at Iowa State.

The Veterinary Staff at Iowa State wishes to thank Doctor Mulder for making this visit possible. We sincerely hope that other veterinarians will be able to take the time from their busy schedules to increase the interest of any prospective veterinary students by making a similar visit to Iowa State.

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