

A poll was taken in the present junior class at the time the new curriculum was proposed and an overwhelming majority voted in favor of implementing such a clinic curriculum for the senior year. There is a general optimism among the members of this class that the new scheduling program will achieve the desired goals of an improved student-faculty ratio, improved student-case ratio, and better utilization of unscheduled time. Blocking

of the scattered vacation periods provides opportunity for students to work for practicing veterinarians for an effective period of time throughout a forty week period.

A special note of appreciation should be given to Dr. Wass and Dr. Kunesh, whose efforts have been instrumental in initiating this program.

Respectfully yours,
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Co-Editors.

Salute to Dr. Margaret Sloss

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The major problem with writing an article about Dr. Margaret W. Sloss is not finding information, but deciding which information to present. Where should we begin? A complete list of her activities, qualifications, and credits would fill up the next two pages of this magazine, and you would still know little about Dr. Sloss as a person.

We should say, however, that she is the first woman to graduate from Iowa State University with the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, and that she has quite literally been associated with the Veterinary College since she was eleven years old when her father became superintendent of buildings and grounds at I.S.U.

During her many years of affiliation with veterinary medicine and its students, Dr. Sloss has been of considerable service to both.

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In the medical field per se, she and Dr. E. A. Benbrook pioneered the development of photomicrographic techniques at Iowa State, and they have collaborated to produce a text, *Clinical Parasitology*.

Dr. Sloss earned a B.S. degree in Zoology at Iowa State University, which qualified her to become an assistant in Veterinary Pathology. While holding this position, she earned her M.S. in Microscopic Anatomy and became a close friend of Dr. Charles Stange. He encouraged her to enter Veterinary Medicine and in 1938, she became the first woman to graduate in this curriculum at I.S.U.

One tends to envision the female veterinary student as one devoted to her books and microscopes and having time for little else. Not so with Dr. Margaret Sloss. She took time out to earn six collegiate letters—two in hockey, two in basketball, and two in tennis, where she also held the college's singles and double championships for a time.

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stagnation in Dr. Sloss' case—two years later she was named by Carrie Chapman Catt to an exclusive list of 100 women who were "doing things that no woman could have done 25 years ago". She was later personally invited to a luncheon at the White House by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.

Dr. Sloss is the author or co-author of thirteen scientific articles or books and is a member of numerous honorary and professional societies, as well as the recipient of the Women's Veterinary Medical Award in 1953 for "the woman who had done the most for her profession".

As we noted earlier, not least among her greatest assets is her ability to place the instructor and student on a level at which both can communicate openly and freely. She believes that education should be taught on a pragmatic basis—that it should be a total experience in which both formal knowledge of veterinary medicine and practical experience are integrated.

Even the wives of veterinary students have had their lives influenced by Dr. Margaret Sloss. She has pioneered professional orientation courses and instruction in medical technology for these women,

as well as serving as faculty advisor to the Women's Auxillary of the I.S.U. student chapter of the A.V.M.A.

Her quests for new and challenging fields and her concern for people have led Dr. Sloss into many community projects. Prominent among these are leadership in Campfire and Bluebird activities, and long-standing membership in the Collegiate Presbyterian Church.

Presently Dr. Sloss influences the lives of many Iowa State students, both as a member of the Scholarship Standards Committee and as a member of the Admissions Committee for the Veterinary College.

Faculty and students alike, particularly those of Veterinary Medicine, will indeed feel the loss of Dr. Margaret Sloss when she retires this July. Throughout her 49 years at Iowa State, her influence and dynamic personality have been felt by all who have known Dr. Sloss or her work.

We believe that Dr. Sloss will not be content with a quiet life at home with her knitting; therefore, we all wish her the best of luck in whatever endeavors she undertakes in the future.