

# STUDENT-FACULTY NEWS

## Dr. McCurnin Leaving ISU

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Dr. Dennis McCurnin, Assistant Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Iowa State University, will be leaving shortly after the spring quarter to take a position at the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado. The position, Director of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital, is newly created following a reorganization program and the construction of a 10 million dollar facility which opened February 27, 1979.

Dr. McCurnin's duties will be primarily administrative leadership and overall responsibility for the operation of the Hospital. Other responsibilities include establishing and administrating the hospital budget, developing hospital operations to meet the educational needs of students, supervision and evaluation of hospital personnel, and maintaining a liaison with the public and the veterinary profession. In addition to these administrative duties, Dr. McCurnin expects to devote 25% of his time

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to clinical surgery, lecturing, and surgery laboratories.

Since his arrival at Iowa State in September, 1977, Dr. McCurnin has demonstrated the highest professional attitude and expertise in veterinary medicine. Through his efforts a great rapport has developed between administration and students. His support of student activities and involvement and action in student problems is appreciated by all students of our college. We are confident these attributes will prove valuable in his further endeavors, and our thanks and best wishes go with him.

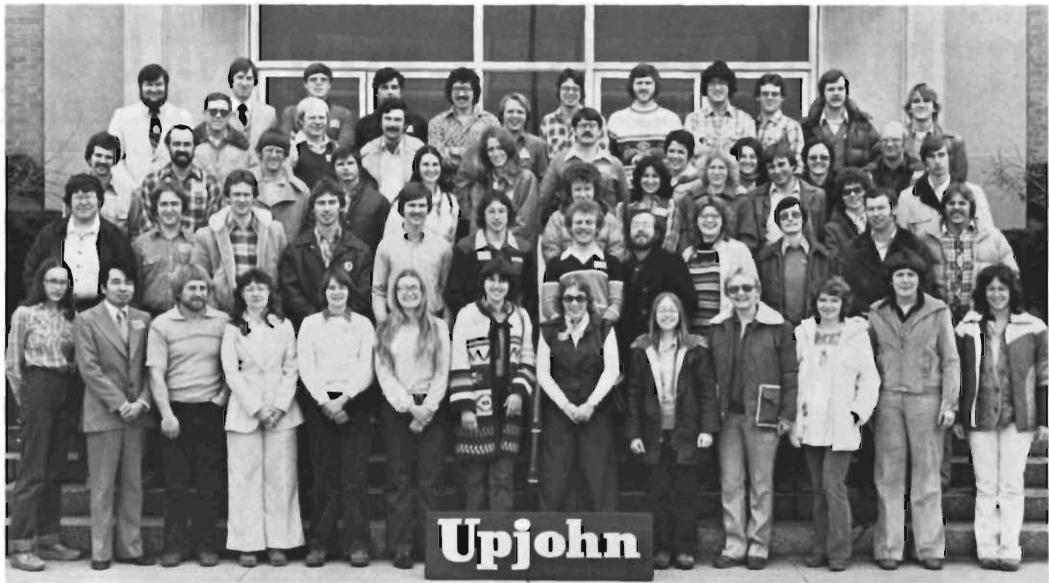
Dr. McCurnin will officially begin in the new position June 1, 1979.

## Upjohn gives \$500 to SCAVMA

AMES, Iowa—A check for \$500 was recently presented to the Iowa State University School of Veterinary Medicine Student AVMA Chapter by The Upjohn Company, Kalamazoo, Michigan. Chapter President Bill Gay accepted the donation on behalf of the Iowa State AVMA Chapter from Brad Dach, local representative of The Upjohn Company.

The Upjohn Company is making similar grants annually to all Student AVMA Chapters throughout the U.S. as a part of the company's program to assist professional veterinary student groups. The grant may be used in any way prescribed by the student membership.





# Annual Pharmaceutical Tour

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The annual pharmaceutical tour for the junior class took place from February 27 to March 1. The only remaining company acting as host was the Upjohn Company of Kalamazoo, Michigan. The group consisted of 65 students and spouses of the Class of 1980.

Two chartered buses left the Veterinary Complex at 6:15 a.m. Thursday morning with a very enthusiastic and almost bright-eyed group headed for Kalamazoo. We arrived at the Kalamazoo Hilton Inn at 4:30 p.m. Once settled into our rooms, nearly everyone headed for the hotel's swimming pool, sauna, and jacuzzi to relieve tired bodies and aching heads acquired during the trip.

Dinner was provided by our hosts at 7:00 p.m., after which free movies and the hotel's lounge, the Giraffe Disco, were enjoyed. A few hardy souls even ventured to the Zorba Club, adjacent to the hotel, to get acquainted with the natives. The night concluded with several room parties and a great deal of socializing.

Breakfast call at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday brought everyone back to life. Once finished with breakfast we boarded buses for tours of Upjohn's production facilities and research farms. A very informative and stimulating

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question and answer period with a panel of Upjohn officials concluded the tour at the research farm. The production facilities were very impressive. Everyone left with the realization of the tremendous expense, quality control, and research required to produce a marketable product. Before leaving for the hotel we received a variety of Upjohn products and a group picture was taken.

A cocktail hour preceded the banquet Wednesday evening, which was hosted by Hugh Smith, Director of Guest Relations for Upjohn and several other company officials. After enjoying an excellent meal, we again took in free movies or the Giraffe Disco. Room parties again prevailed in the later hours of the evening.

Brunch was served the next morning at 9:00 a.m. after which we boarded buses for home a little less bright-eyed and enthusiastic. We arrived in Ames at 6:30 p.m.

Many thanks go to the Upjohn Company and its two local representatives, Brad Dach and Joe Felker who acted as our tour hosts during the trip.

The four courageous faculty members acting as sponsors were Dr. Loren Appell, Dr. Don DeYoung, Dr. Walter Hsu, and Dr. Jim Thompson. A special thanks goes out to them from the junior class.

# In Memory of Lynn Mitten



Lynn Mitten and daughter Kylie

Lynn E. Mitten, 30, wife of Dr. Russell Mitten, ISU Clinical Veterinary Radiologist, died on February 16, 1979 at Mary Greeley Hospital in Ames. She was born October 19, 1948 in San Francisco, California, to Harold A. and Fleta Gardner Loomis (Frost), and had 2 sisters, Jilda and Jennelle Loomis. Funeral services were held February 19 at Stevens Memorial Chapel in Ames and February 23 in the foothills near Modesto, California.

Lynn and Russell were married May 6, 1972 in Cambridge, England, then moved to Ames in 1973. She was an ISU senior in horticulture at the time of her death.

Beyond the usual preceding facts concerning Lynn's birth, life, and death was the unusually warm, direct person who was extraordinarily interested in the welfare of everything alive. Her efforts to aid injured or poorly cared-for rabbits, foals, plants, and people are only a few specific examples witnessed by her friends in the last few years. Even as her body was weakened to the point of death, Lynn did not lose this unselfish quality but only became frustrated by being trapped in a physical body she no longer controlled. This frustration was aggravated by the

inability to devote all her energies to Kylie Ann, her 5-month-old daughter. Kylie was not only taken from Lynn early by caesarian due to Lynn's cancer, but also by the time consumed in those 5 months of efforts to combat the cancer that eventually took Lynn's life.

The memories of Lynn's never-ending courage and concern for others will remain with all who knew her. Her body was defeated by cancer but her mind and spirit were not. As a result of Lynn's example and help she received from Chaplain Wilbur Huey and his group at Iowa Methodist Hospital in Des Moines, a new program at the University of Iowa Hospital to assist other cancer patients in maintaining mental and spiritual health is being initiated.

A memorial fund has been established to support the new program and perpetuate Lynn's concern for others at Iowa City. Contributions may be mailed to:  
Lynn Mitten Memorial Fund  
c/o Dr. Russell Mitten  
Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences  
College of Veterinary Medicine  
Iowa State University  
Ames, Iowa 50011

# Class News

## Class of 1979

Dallas Kuehl is engaged to marry Jane Van Ginkel on June 23, 1979.

Steve Amsberry was married to Kristi Rohlf on December 31, 1978 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dan Huiskamp was married to Julie Gammon on January 7, 1979 in Clinton, Iowa.

Tom Mano is engaged to Char Elleen Maass. Wedding date is to be announced.

Jim Hagedorn is engaged to marry Nancy Board on August 4, 1979.

David Whitney is engaged to marry Lorraine Zelle on September 8, 1979.

Greg Travlos is engaged to marry Kimberlee Gano on July 28, 1979.

## Class of 1980

Mark Engle is engaged to marry Bobbi Rossow on May 26, 1979.

Monte McCaw married Cindy Sue Heir on February 24, 1979.

Dick and Donna Buch are the parents of a baby boy, John William, born March 13, 1979.

## Class of 1981

Del Wilmet is engaged to marry Pam Butterfield on June 2, 1979.

Mike and Chris Peden are the parents of a boy, Aaron Michael, born February 17, 1979.

Phil and Molly Johnson are the parents of a girl, Emily Marie, born December 21, 1978.

Craig Thatcher is engaged to marry Ruth Irwin on June 9, 1979.

Chris Katz is engaged to marry Jill Banfield on June 9, 1979.

Marj Eickholt is engaged to marry Paul D. Murphy on July 7, 1979.

Deanne Davison is engaged to marry Jeff McCabe on July 1, 1979.

Al Hogue is engaged to marry Loralyn Lange in August, 1979.

## Class of 1982

Rick Arnolt is engaged to Janet Corcoran of Waupun, Wisconsin.

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