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## Long term employees retire

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### Calendar

#### Tuesday, January 22

- Fort Dodge Livestock Vaccine Presentation: Dr. Bill Clymer, M102 12:00-1:00
- SCAVMA Winter Formal Ticket Sale, Magruder Lobby 12:00-1:00
- Gel Documentation System meeting, D212 12:30-2:00
- OSU Retiree Club tour and program overview for approximately 40 people, M102 and Magruder Lobby 3:30-5:00
- SCAVMA Hill's pet food sale and store GRAND OPENING, SCAVMA Store (located next to barn) 5:15-6:00PM

#### Wednesday, January 23

- SCAVMA Winter Formal Ticket Sale, Magruder Lobby 12:00-1:00
- All school SCAVMA business meeting, M102 12:00-1:00
- AAEP rounds, LA Hospital records room 12:15
- VBMA: The Business Learning Experience, M102 5:00-7:00

#### Thursday, January 24

- Senior Paper Presentations: Tori Steinmetz-Lewis: "Urinary Sphincter Mechanism Incompetence and Surgical Procedure to Correct It"; Emily Saunders: "Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia in a 10 Month Old Dog", M102 8:00-9:00
- SCAVMA Winter Formal Ticket Sale, Magruder Lobby 12:00-1:00
- PRIPS with Dreher and Sarker labs, D213 12:00-1:00
- Christian Veterinary Fellowship, M298 12:00-1:00
- SCAVMA Hill's pet food sale and store GRAND OPENING, SCAVMA Store 12:00-12:45

#### Friday, January 25

- SCAVMA Winter Formal Ticket Sale, Magruder Lobby, 12:00-1:00
- SCAVMA Winter Formal: Black and White Ball, \$5.00 admission, Hilton Garden Inn, 8:00-11:00PM

#### Monday, January 28

- SCAVMA Hill's pet food sale, SCAVMA Store 5:15-6:00PM
- Horse Owner Education Series: "Laminitis", Dr. Shannon Reed, M102 7:30-8:30PM

#### Tuesday, January 29

- CVM Biomedical Sciences Guest Speaker Series: Dr. Robert Allen: "Discovery and Development of Arenavirus Antivirals", M102 12:00-1:00

#### Wednesday, January 30

- AAEP rounds, LA Hospital records room 12:15
- Pre-Vet Club meeting, M102 7:00-8:00PM

#### Thursday, January 31

- Senior Paper Presentations: Annika Kessi: "Continuing Education for the Mongolian Veterinarian: A Review of Small Ruminant Lameness"; Katie Thonstad: "Considerations in Developing a Weight Loss Program for Dogs", M102 8:00-9:00
- Christian Veterinary Fellowship, M298 12:00-1:00
- SCAVMA Hill's pet food sale, SCAVMA Store 12:00-12:45

#### Friday, February 1

- Merck Merial Veterinary Scholar Program 2008 Application Deadline

### Joann Jones— 24 years at the College of Veterinary Medicine

My employment at OSU actually began when I was a senior in high school from 1949-1950. At that time it was OSC – college, not university. I attended classes at Corvallis High School each morning and my Distributive Education class had me working each afternoon at the college library which was then in Kidder Hall on Campus Way. My job was cataloging books and preparing them for shelving. My pay rate was 75¢ per hour. The end of the school year was the end of the job.

In April 1981, I returned to work at OSU as an Admissions Evaluator. I was not happy in that position, so that fall I started a night class at Linn-Benton Community College to brush up on my accounting skills.

At the end of the series I applied for a transfer, and in August 1982 moved to the College of Pharmacy as an Accounting Clerk. In September 1983, I transferred to the School of Veterinary Medicine as an Accounting Tech 2. Jan Keen was my supervisor until I retired February 28, 1998. Early retirement was necessary because my husband became very ill and needed 24-hour care. I stayed on part-time to train Deanna Ford in my position. My husband passed away five months after I retired. Soon after that I started managing the archives/records area for CVM.

There have been many changes at CVM in the last 24 years: nine deans or interim deans have led us; the physical plant continues to grow; the number of personnel has about doubled; and we are now a self-contained four-year college. It has been an exciting and challenging 24 years to say the least.  
—Joann P. Jones



### Patty DeVaughn— 20 years at the College of Veterinary Medicine

From 1983 to 1985, I worked as a nurse's aide at Heart of the Valley. Feeling I wouldn't be able to support myself on that salary, I went to the Benton Center and signed up for a clerical update course that was eight weeks long, eight hours a day, four days a week. When I completed the course, I was hired by Sunrise Elementary School in Albany. While working there for two years, I interviewed at OSU thirty five times. The last two interviews I knew were mine, so I took the first one that called — Oregon State University College of Veterinary Medicine in the large animal facility. I started working at the OSU VTH in October of 1987. The rest is history.

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My dad died April 2006. Four days after his death, my husband went in for emergency surgery. He had six surgeries with a total of 12 visits to the hospital in 2006. He died in June 2007 and his mother died in October 2007. I have decided to retire to care for my mother and take her traveling while she is still in good health.

I would like to take this chance to thank everyone that shared their vacation time with me so that I could have a pay check while I was out with my husband. Working with you has been a great experience and I have learned to really appreciate you.  
—Patty DeVaughn



### Merck Merial application deadlines

For those who are applying for the Merck Merial Veterinary Scholar Program, applications are due by **February 1, 2008**. Those accepted for the program will be contacted by **February 15, 2008**. If you have any questions, contact [Christiane.Loehr@oregonstate.edu](mailto:Christiane.Loehr@oregonstate.edu).



### Winter Formal coming this Friday

This year's annual Winter Formal will be held this Friday. The theme is "Black and White Ball". Sponsored by SCAVMA, it will be at the Hilton Garden Inn on January 25, starting at 8 p.m. Everyone is invited!

Hors d'oeuvres will be served and alcohol can be purchased at the Stadium Bar and Grill in the lobby of the Hilton. Tickets are \$5 per person, available in Magruder lobby during the lunch hour starting January 22, or at the door the night of the event.

### College of Veterinary Medicine student ambassadors

The College of Veterinary Medicine's Student Ambassador group includes about 25 students representing all of the four classes. This group works to provide information and inspiration to the public about the roles of veterinarians, their value to society and the benefits of choosing veterinary medicine as a career. Their most important target population right now is grade school through high school age students who are formulating plans (whether they know it or not) as to what career they will choose. The Student Ambassadors serve as excellent role models in addition to educating young people about the demands and rewards of veterinary medicine as a career.

Many of this group took advantage of free time during their winter break to visit schools and talk to students throughout Oregon. Student groups from third grade through high school were visited by Student Ambassadors armed with PowerPoint presentations, props, and questions and answers. The younger students got to talk about their pets; look at radiographs and skulls; listen with a stethoscope and hear about health concerns of pets. Activities for high school students were similar but included using suture models, bone models, quizzes with trivia questions, and talk about educational and other preparation for careers in veterinary medicine. All Student Ambassadors reported high levels of enthusiasm and interaction on the part of the students they visited, good feedback from the science teachers who hosted the visits and a sense of personal satisfaction and fun from their efforts.

Thanks on behalf of the College and the veterinary profession are due to Karyn Zittel, Brianna Beechler, Taylor Joyner, Cathy Pierce and Kathleen Hanifen. Any student, faculty or staff member who is not currently a member of this group is encouraged to join in and share ideas. Send an email message to Sue Tornquist, and you'll be added to the email list.

