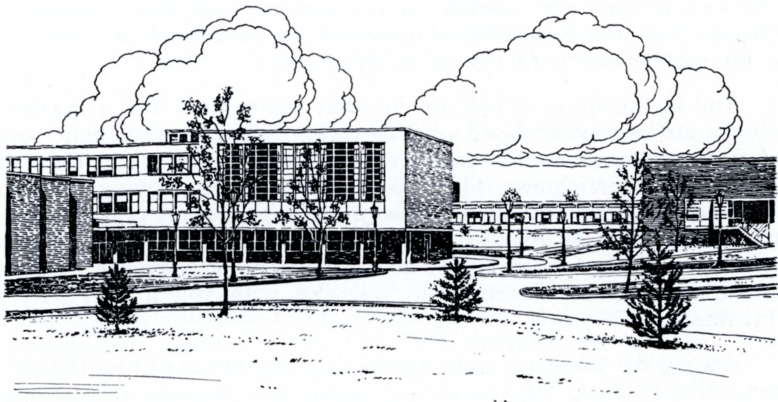


# NEW YORK STATE VETERINARY COLLEGE

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Dear Cornellian:



One of the wonderful facets of happiness is the awareness of friends and the feeling of gratitude for the influence that they have had upon our lives. Doctor Albert Schweitzer has said, "One of the things that stirs me as I look back at my youthful days is the fact that so many people gave me something or were something to me without knowing it. They entered into my life and became powers to me. Much that I should otherwise not have felt so clearly or done so effectively was felt or done as it was because I stand, as it were, under the sway of these people. Hence, I always think that we all live, spiritually, by what others have given us in the significant hours of our life. Perhaps we learned patience from one who seemed to carry a cruet of oil to pour on troubled waters; fortitude from another who bore great personal burdens without murmuring. We have known sympathy because of one who was able to enter helpfully into the suffering of others. We have seen maturity in the face of one who was big in the face of littleness."

The words of this great man seem significantly appropriate as we take time for reflection in the joyfulness of the Christmas Season. For as you and I look back upon our student days and upon the years that have surrounded them, visions of familiar faces flash across the horizon of our memories. Perhaps we might say to one as

he passes by, "In you I found a thirst for knowledge," and to another, "In you, understanding." "In you I saw the righteousness of good judgment, the fruit of wisdom; in you, the fun in laughter; the eloquence in dignity; the strength of perseverance and a willingness to strike out into the formidable darkness of the unknown and untried; in you, enthusiasm for life in all its fullness. . ."

And in the spirit of halcyon joy that comes with such reflection, there is an everlasting bond of fellowship that transcends time and distance and causes us to smile inwardly and feel the warm glow of an indescribable richness. Then, as we turn to this moving caravan of old friends, reaching out to greet them in exuberant gratitude, we find that there is an expression that radiates all the warmth of this happiness: Merry Christmas! It is in this frame of reference that we extend the Season's Greetings to you and wish you a very Merry Christmas!

Among the traveling ambassadors of your college during the past year, Mike Fincher, '20, was invited by the International Educational Exchange Service of the United States Department of State to give a series of lectures in South America last summer. Phil Levine, '32, spent the summer in Mexico, studying poultry disease problems there. Incidentally, he was offered an attractive position by the University of California, but, fortunately for us, he decided to remain at Cornell. Don Delahanty, '44, under the sponsorship of the Rockefeller Foundation, was asked to assist in the development of the Surgical Clinic at the Veterinary College, San Marcos University, in Lima, Peru. While he was there doing the excellent job that everyone knew he would do, his little daughter Susan, while waiting for a school bus on a street corner in Lima, was struck by an automobile and injured fatally.

We have another sad message to report to you. Malcolm E. Miller, '34, Professor of Anatomy, Head of the Department of Anatomy and Secretary of the College, passed away on April 18, 1960. The Committee on Necrology said this of him: "Of his many virtues, the most admirable was the superb courage with which he endured physical infirmity for 23 years. His was a philosophy of optimism entwined with realism, which was reflected in his daily contacts with his fellow men and the goals which he set for living." Indeed, he was an inspiration to all who knew him and who felt the magnetic influence of his wonderful personality. He was elected "Veterinarian of the Year 1960" by the New York State Veterinary Medical Society. His comprehensive and excellently illustrated book on "The Anatomy of the Dog" will be completed under the guidance of two capable Cornellians, George C. Christensen, '49, Head of the Department of Anatomy at Purdue University, and Howard E. Evans, Professor of Anatomy and Secretary of this College.



Bob Habel, Professor of Anatomy, outstanding scholar, linguist, capable teacher and research worker, has been appointed Head of the Department of Anatomy, succeeding Mac Miller. In this Department also, Al Stinson has joined the staff as Assistant Professor, coming to Cornell from the University of Minnesota. He is especially interested in histology, cytochemistry and electron microscopy.

Dr. Fritz Preuss, Director of the Institute of Anatomy and former Dean of the Veterinary Faculty of the Free University of Berlin, and an extremely competent anatomist has joined the staff as a visiting professor for the fall and spring terms. We are indeed pleased that it was possible for him to arrange to spend this time with us.

In the Department of Physiology, its distinguished Head, H. Hugh Dukes, retired after 28 years of service to the Veterinary College. He and his wife, Mary, are traveling in this country at the present time and expect to return to Ithaca in the spring so that he can begin revising his book. We are pleased to tell you that he was selected for the Borden Award for 1960 for outstanding research contributing to dairy cattle disease control. He is the fifth member of the Veterinary College faculty to receive this award. Others who preceded him were Raymond Birch, Myron Fincher, Herbert Gilman, and Peter Olafson.

Joseph A. Dye, Professor of Physiology and an internationally recognized authority on intermediary metabolism also retired after 44 years of service to the University. He and his wife, Dorothy, have returned to Salt Lake City, Utah, to live.

Alvin Ferner Sellers, formerly Professor and Head of the Division of Physiology and Pharmacology, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Minnesota, has been appointed as successor to Hugh Dukes. He is a capable and energetic scholar, teacher, research worker and administrator, with more drive and enthusiasm than a line of Hackneys. We are delighted that he has become part of the team at Cornell. Also, in the Department of Physiology, Bob Dougherty was the sole representative from the United States at the University of Nottingham School of Agriculture's 7th Easter School and Colloquium on Digestive Physiology and Digestion of the Ruminant. Morley Kare, Professor of Physiology, and Bruce Halpern, Visiting Fellow, organized and conducted the 1960 Conference on Physiological and Behavioral Aspects of Taste, which was supported by the Psychobiology Section of the National Science Foundation.

Peter Olafson, '26, turned over his responsibilities as President of the New York State Veterinary Medical Society to his successor Hadley C. Stephenson, '20, and then agreed to spend three full months in Nigeria as a special consultant to the International Co-

operation Administration. We expect him back in mid-December and are anxiously looking forward to hearing about his experiences there.

Two members of the faculty have published exceptionally fine books during the past year. John H. Whitlock, Professor of Parasitology, is the author of "Diagnosis of Veterinary Parasitisms" and Ellis P. Leonard, '34, Professor of Small Animal Surgery and Head of the Department of Small Animal Medicine and Surgery, is the author of "Orthopedic Surgery of the Dog and Cat."

Also, Cyril L. Comar, Head of our new Department of Physical Biology and Professor of Physical Biology, served as co-editor with Felix Bronner of a fine text, "Mineral Metabolism - An Advanced Treatise" published in 1960 by the Academic Press. The new department, under his leadership, has developed a fine research program and is developing an excellent course sequence in mathematical and radiation biology. He serves as a consultant to the United Nations and during this past year served as a consultant in Rome, Italy. Among his many activities, he was appointed recently to the Advisory Committee on Radiation Utilization for the Office of Atomic Development, Executive Department, State of New York.

At the time that Don Delahanty was returning from his sabbatic leave in Peru and Ben Sheffy, Associate Professor of Nutrition at the Veterinary Virus Research Institute, was returning from his sabbatic at Cambridge University in England, several other enthusiastic and energetic staff members had their bags packed and set out on sabbatical leave for various other centers of learning. Herbert Gilman, '17, is visiting 15 institutions in southeastern United States studying diseases of reproduction in dairy cattle. Jim Gillespie is studying at the Naval Biological Laboratory, University of California. Charles Rickard, '43, is working at the Bundesforschunganstalt Für Viruskrankeheiten Der Tiere in Tübingen, Germany, one of the finest veterinary research laboratories in all of Europe, located at the edge of the Black Forest. Lou Nangeroni, '51, is studying at the School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California, and Bob Kirk, '46, is at the Medical College, University of Denver, pursuing his interest in fluid therapy and electrolyte balance and enjoying the grandeur of the Rockies.

In April the Board of Trustees named appropriate areas within the main College building as follows:

Administrative wing	Schurman Hall
Anatomy offices and laboratories	Hopkins-Gage Laboratory
Large and Small Animal offices, hospitals and clinics	Walter L. Williams Clinic
Physiology offices and laboratories	Pierre A. Fish Laboratory
Seminar Room	Hagan Room



By this action, in addition to the area named for President Jacob Gould Schurman, under whose administration the Veterinary College was established, the other major areas of the College are named in honor of the original faculty. Also, tribute was paid to the distinguished leadership of William Arthur Hagan by naming the room where most of the faculty gatherings and meetings are held, in his honor.

The offices and laboratories of the Department of Pathology and Bacteriology were named the Veranus A. Moore Laboratory and the Auditorium was named James Law Auditorium. When you visit the University, you will find the buildings named in large aluminum letters.

While the Hagans are active members of the Ames, Iowa community, they subscribe to the Ithaca Journal and maintain their usual enthusiastic interest in Cornell. They attended the Cornell Alumni Dinner in Denver at the time of the annual meeting of the American Veterinary Medical Association and that surely pleased all of us who were there. Dr. Hagan was awarded the Twelfth International Veterinary Congress Prize for 1960 during the Convention.

With the establishment of the Department of Physical Biology this year, we now have seven departments. To refresh your memory, the other six are Anatomy, Physiology, Pathology and Bacteriology, Medicine and Obstetrics, Surgery, and Small Animal Medicine and Surgery.

Several new positions have been established in the College. Histology and Embryology are now taught in the Department of Anatomy of the Veterinary College instead of in the Department of Zoology in the College of Arts and Sciences. Albert Beck, '59, is the new Assistant Professor in Small Animal Medicine; John Kavanaugh, '54, Assistant Professor of Surgery; and Neil Norcross, Assistant Professor of Immunochemistry. Neil will devote the major part of his efforts to mastitis research.

In a capsule review of the staff and some of the activities of the College, it would be ideal if we could paint a word picture of the wonderful influence of each and every staff member upon the academic stature of the University. Surely you know the impact of the keen minds and strong personalities of the dedicated men who have given strength and stability to the Veterinary College over the years. Donald Baker, '29; John Bentinck-Smith, '44; Francis Fox, '45; Steve Roberts, '38; Dorsey Bruner, '37; Harry Hodges, '16; Ken McEntee, '44; and a host of other seasoned and brilliant minds, some with long service and some new, make up the moving fiber of Cornell.

You will remember the stirring words of the Alma Mater:

"Reared against the arch of heaven  
Looks she proudly down."

Her pride is in you who are her graduates, ambassadors of the great University whose loyalty she cherishes. During the past year a number of alumni have set aside the cup of life as we know it:

Vern A. Sharp	Class 1907	Malcolm E. Miller	Class 1934
Died May 10, 1959		Died April 18, 1960	
Harold Clark	Class 1914	Ralph F. Knight	Class 1907
Died July 18, 1959		Died April 30, 1960	
Ivan G. Howe	Class 1914	Louis C. Webster	Class 1915
Died Jan. 29, 1960		Died May 5, 1960	
Rodney Merz	Class 1959	Robert A. McKinney	Class 1920
Died Feb. 13, 1960		Died May 26, 1960	
Gordon S. Fraser	Class 1942	Charles J. Goubeaud	Class 1928
Died Feb. 16, 1960		Died June 22, 1960	
Walter L. Gilbert	Class 1907	Clarence W. Webber	Class 1914
Died Mar. 24, 1960		Died July 11, 1960	
Clarence N. Bramer	Class 1923	Frank Breed	Class 1911
Died April 3, 1960		Died Oct. 17, 1960	

It is good to report to you that we have 218 fine students enrolled in the professional curriculum as candidates for the D.V.M. degree. Also, the College has 48 graduate students doing their major work for the M.S. or Ph.D. degrees and 78 doing minor work under the counsel of members of this faculty.

Before long, we will close the accounts on the year 1960 and open a new ledger for 1961. In extending its very best wishes to you for a Merry Christmas, the faculty also looks forward confidently with you and for you toward a happy, challenging and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,

