Dr. Mulhern to Speak
At Precommencement

Dr. Francis Mulhern will be the Pre­
commencement speaker at 9:00 a.m.,
Saturday, May 10. He is the Chief
Administrator of the Animal and Plant
Health Inspection Service, U.S. Depart­
ment of Agriculture, Washington, D.C.

The time for the Precommencement
has been moved back one-half hour to
9 a.m. because the Columbia campus
Commencement has been scheduled for 12
noon. Both are in the Hearnes Multi­
purpose Auditorium.

Continuing Education Seminars are
scheduled for alumni and other interested
veterinarians on Friday afternoon, May 9.
An Alumni “Fun Night” will be held that
evening for alumni and friends at the
Ramada Inn.

The graduates of the second class, 1951, are being sent special invitations
to celebrate their 25th reunion by
attending the Precommencement ac­
tivities.

Dr. Gorham Presents
Next College Lecture

Dr. James R. Gorham will present the
next lecture in the College of Veterinary
Medicine Lecture Series. His topic, "Dis­
temper, The Past, the Problems and the
Future," will be presented at 1:30 p.m.,
Thursday, April 3.

Dr. Gorham received a D. V. M. and an
M.S. from Washington State University
and a Ph.D. from the University of
Wisconsin. He is presently a lecturer
in the Department of Pathology at the
College of Veterinary Medicine at Wash­
ington State and a research leader,
Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

Peddies Continue Education
In Segmented Curriculum

A veterinarian from California has
decided to return to school—at the Uni­
versity of Missouri. Dr. James Peddie is
currently enrolled in the segmented cur­
iculum of the College of Veterinary
Medicine until May. He chose to spend
the first two-month block in small animal
medicine and the second in small animal
surgery.

Dr. Peddie says he decided to come to
Missouri because “the block system allows
me to get the widest experience in the
briefest time.”

He and his wife, Linda, also a vet­
erinarian, are in practice with the Conejo
Valley Veterinary Clinic, a seven-man
mixed practice in Thousand Oaks. He
specializes in surgery and she helps part­
time with the small animal medicine
load. Both are 1965 graduates of Cornell
University.

The four senior staff members of the
practice have a policy that one-third of
their vacation time each year must be spent
on continuing education. Because they so
strongly believe in the need for such
experiences, they have also decided that
each year one of them will spend two to
four months in some type of educational
program.

Dr. Peddie is the first of the group
to have this opportunity. Fortunately,
dela Cruz Plans to Return to Micronesia

Not many students at the College of Veterinary Medicine have hunted at night for giant fruit bats or spearfished for huge lobsters on small Pacific islands—but Ignacio dela Cruz has done many things most Missouri students haven’t.

Ignacio dela Cruz, VMII from Saipan in the Mariana Islands, is an interesting man with a unique background. Born in Micronesia (one of three Pacific island regions), dela Cruz spent his childhood on Saipan, a strip of land 15 miles long by four miles wide. He attended high school in Guam where he became interested in politics. The United States governs Guam as a possession, but each of the six districts in Micronesia has its own law-making body.

Named to top company post

After graduating from the University of California at Davis with a B.S. in animal science (and a minor in pre-veterinary medicine), dela Cruz returned to Micronesia where he worked for three years representing Hunt & Behrens, Inc., a California feed manufacturing company. In 1971 when the company opened the only feed manufacturing plant in Guam, dela Cruz was named assistant vice-president.

He became legislator

For two years, he served on the Saipan Municipal City Council, and prior to coming to UMC, he was serving a four-year term in the Mariana Islands District Legislature as chairman of the Economic Committee.

Dela Cruz met Dr. W.B. Smith, former Trust Territory Chief of Animal Health Services and an alumnus of UMC, in Saipan, and through Dr. Smith’s vigorous efforts as well as the strong support and interest of the Trust Territory Government, dela Cruz was launched on the road to a challenging career in veterinary medicine.

For all of Micronesia, there is only one veterinarian—an American Air Force officer on loan from the United States. For adequate care, at least six full-time veterinarians are needed. After two more years at the College of Veterinary Medicine, UMC, dela Cruz and his family will return to their home where he will be the first of his people to serve as a Micronesian veterinarian. Dela Cruz says, “I am very anxious to return to Micronesia where I hope I will be able to fulfill a much-needed service.”
Two Workshops Held For Practitioners

Two continuing education workshops were recently held for veterinarians at the College of Veterinary Medicine.

The first, on Cardiology, was attended by: Drs. Linda Peddie, Thousand Oaks, Calif.; Loren G. Tucker, Raytown; Mark Dallman, Joliet, Ill.; Carter Anthony, Kansas City; Stephen Sproul, Raytown; Jonathan Wilson, Southaven, Miss.; Laurence Cooper, Shawnee, Kan.; D. G. Carlson, Springfield; and John Troxe, Homewood, Ill.

The two-day session covered interpreting electrocardiograms, radiography of the normal and abnormal canine chest, measuring and interpreting indirect blood pressure and advanced techniques such as cardiac catheterization. A discussion of the major diseases of the heart of dogs and cats and of therapy for cardiac diseases was included.

The second workshop was on Disc Surgery with one day of lectures on surgical, anesthetic and radiologic principles and the second day devoted to wet laboratory sessions. Each participant served as a surgeon, assistant surgeon and anesthesiologist on a rotating basis.

Those attending included: Drs. William Tappmeyer, St. Charles; Kenneth Buckmann, Washington; Thomas Martin, Belleville, Ill.; Kenneth Van Sickle, Belton; John R. Montgomery, Blue Springs; David Burghard, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Larry Richards, Kansas City; Robert Schaeffer Jr., St. Louis; Fred Bendick Jr., Kirkwood; Darrell Haeker, St. Joseph; Frank Serra, Overland Park, Kan.; Byford Wood, Breese, Ill.

Dr. Roszel Visits College

Dr. Jeffie F. Roszel presented two lectures on a recent visit to the College of Veterinary Medicine as a visiting lecturer. She is an assistant professor in the Department of Pathology, College of Veterinary Medicine, Oklahoma State University.

She presented "Veterinary Clinical Cytology" on the evening of Feb. 19 and "Comparative Cytology and its Histologic Basis" to the Area of Pathology on Feb. 20.

She also participated in informal discussions with students and faculty and the staff of the clinical pathology laboratory.

Dr. Gorham Con't

Dr. Gorham received the Gaines medal, given by the American Veterinary Medical Association, for research in virus diseases. He is a member of the American College of Veterinary Microbiologists, American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine, American Association of Immunologists, American Society of Experimental Pathologists, Society for Epidemiologic Research, Japanese Society for Veterinary Science, and the Association Mondiale Des Veterinaires, Microbiologistes, Immunologistes Et Specialistes Des Maladies Infectieuses.
Peddies Con’t

he says, he was able to work out an arrangement with the College to send a resident to work in the practice while he is here. Dr. Ronald Bright completed the first two-month block in the practice and Dr. H. W. Bothe the second. While they receive practical experience which contributes to their training, they are able to help out the practice which would be short one veterinarian.

In this case though, the practice is also short a part-time staff member. Linda, while not enrolled as a student, is interested in cardiology and has been able to spend some time with Dr. Al Hahn on a part-time basis while the youngest of their two daughters is in pre-school nursery in the mornings. She has found the experience most helpful, she says, and was especially enthusiastic over being able to attend the recent Cardiology Workshop which was a part of the College’s continuing education program.

Both agree that the kind of continuing education they have been able to get in the segmented curriculum really allows time for practical experience along with theory, for learning new techniques and methods and for catching up with new developments in the field. While workshops and conferences are helpful, they don’t allow enough time to put theory and techniques into practice. Self-study is also helpful, but after a 10-12 hour day in practice, it is difficult to motivate yourself to study. For the Peddies, the segmented curriculum offers what they are looking for in a continuing education program.

Arabian Assn. Donates Check

Mrs. John Payne presents a check for $1,000 to Dr. Kenneth D. Weide, dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine. Mrs. Payne, Columbia; Mike Smith, left, Springfield; and Dave Cockrell, right, St. Charles; are members of the Missouri Arabian Horse Association. All are chapter chairmen in their respective areas of the State. The Association toured the Equine Center during their State Meeting held in Columbia on March 1.