The North Carolina State College of Veterinary Medicine was established in 1978, admitted its first class of DVM students in August 1981, dedicated its main facility in April 1983, and graduated its first class of veterinarians in May 1985.

Dr. Terrence Curtin, founding dean of the NCSU CVM, has completed his history of the college. *The College of Veterinary Medicine, North Carolina State University: A Personal Perspective of Its Founding* which is available from the N. C. Veterinary Medical Foundation, Inc.

Thanks to Dr. Curtin, Dr. Smallwood, Dr. Bristol, Dr. Sorrell, and Wendy Savage of the CVM and Adam Berenbak, Brian Dietz, and others in the NCSU Libraries’ Special Collections Research Center and University Archives for contributing historical materials and expertise to this project!!

University Archives materials are from collections UA 100.001.3, UA 100.001.35, UA 145.001.3 – detailed citations available on request.
Dr. Milton M. Leonard (Asheville, NC) was the first person of record to identify a need for a veterinary school in North Carolina.

Resolution 2

"WHEREAS, the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association recognizes the acute shortage of veterinarians in the United States and particularly in North Carolina, and, WHEREAS, states having veterinary schools receive tremendous benefits from the research generated by the faculty of the veterinary school, and WHEREAS, there is increasing interest in careers in Veterinary Medicine by students in North Carolina as evidenced by the large number of 171 currently enrolled in Pre-Veterinary Programs in spite of the fact that only 16 are selected to attend Veterinary Schools at either the University of Georgia or Oklahoma State University each year, and

WHEREAS, aside from our animal population, the far reaching effects of a healthy and strong veterinary medical program in North Carolina will play an important role in improving the general health and well-being of humans, then

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association, while holding a special business meeting this the 21st day of January, 1970, do hereby respectfully request the earliest appointment by our Governor of a committee to study the feasibility of establishing a School of Veterinary Medicine in North Carolina, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should the committee's study indicate such a project to be feasible, then the utmost urgency be placed on the establishment of a School of Veterinary Medicine meeting the guidelines of the American Veterinary Medical Association in North Carolina, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE SENT TO THE HONORABLE ROBERT W. SCOTT, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA."
Celebrate North Carolina Veterinary Medical History!

North Carolina State University

February 19, 1976

President William Friday General Administration
The University of North Carolina Chapel Hill

Dear President Friday:

This is to request approval for the formation of academic departments in the School of Veterinary Medicine to be effective July 1, 1976.

At that time, the existing faculty will be separated from the School of Agriculture and Life Sciences and will be located in the School of Veterinary Medicine. The establishment of the department structure will facilitate the recruitment and development of faculty and the implementation of overall departmental budgets.

The departments proposed are as follows:

- Anatomy, Physiology, and Sciences and Radiology (APS)
- Microbiology, Pathology, and Parasitology (MPF)
- Companion Animal and Special Species Medicine (CASS)
- Food Animal and Equine Medicine (FAE)

The budget sources for these departments will come from funds guaranteed in the School in the University’s Continuing Budget.

Sincerely,

Joe L. Thomas
Chancellor

cc: Dr. Winslow
Dean, Veterinary Medicine
Dean, Graduate Studies

North Carolina State University
School of Veterinary Medicine

Students Rejected Laboratory Exercises Using Live Animals

A recurrent problem has been the refusal of some students to participate in certain required laboratory courses which involve the use of live animals. The Council considered whether students should receive credit for a course without fulfilling all its requirements, and that students should be allowed to graduate from an accredited college without having any experience with birds and animals.

The Council will consider formulating a recommendation to guide veterinary schools and colleges in such a situation, after it receives an evaluation from an accreditation agency on recent and future veterinary medicine programs.

North Carolina State University School of Veterinary Medicine, which admitted in four years in 1976, is expected to be accredited by the AAEP in 1977.

The Western College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Saskatchewan, was admitted on full accreditation.

After hearing a progress report on Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine from acting dean Dr. Doolittle, the Council reviewed the college.

The most recent report on veterinary specialty education is in progress. Revisions to the specialty education program have been conducted recently to resolve problems of the new curriculum, as reported by the Advisory Board on Veterinary Specialties.

Further attention is expected to be devoted to this issue next spring.

Council Accredits Five Institutions

The Council on Education met November 30-December 1 and, after reviewing reports on 10 veterinary schools and colleges, accredited them. Pending the meeting was Dr. Billy Hoover of Purdue University, who was named chairman. The Council reported that 36 additional schools and colleges were accredited, raising the total to 125.

- University of California, Davis, represented by Dr. W. D. M. Duff and Edward C. Alving, was accredited.
- Oregon State University with its Oregon-Oregon State Regional Program in Veterinary Medicine, the College of Veterinary Medicine at Oregon State University, was accredited.

Vice Chairman Billy Hoover spoke at the final meeting of the Council on Education.

- Veterinary News,
You are cordially invited to the Dedication of
The North Carolina State University
School of Veterinary Medicine

Wednesday, April 20, 1983
3:00-4:15 p.m.

NCSU School of Veterinary Medicine
4700 Hillsborough Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

NCSU Vet School opened by Gov. Hunt

“Creating a North Carolina veterinary school has been our dream;” said Curtin, the school’s founding dean. “Today it is a reality; thanks to the foresight of the state’s legislature, university system, agricultural and business leaders.”

Dedication Program

School of Veterinary Medicine
North Carolina State University
Raleigh, North Carolina
April 20, 1983

Founding Dean Terrence M. Curtin at the podium.
Ms. Denise Robertson, First-Year Veterinary Student. February 1982.
Temporary anatomical and lecture facilities in Finger Barn I were utilized by the first class of veterinary students until facilities were finished in the main buildings. (Curtin, p. xxiii).
After uphill battle, vet school is reality

By SHERRY JOHNSON

Patricia E. Ryders never had any doubts about her career. “I've always been a veterinarian, and I've always wanted to be one,” the 20-year-old Raleigh resident said.

And since 1981, when Miss Ryders was a junior at J.L. Mann High School, there have been vet students at the University of North Carolina. This spring, the veterinary school at the University of North Carolina will be open.

“It's one of the greatest things to happen to agriculture, to the cattle and the dairy industry in North Carolina in a long time,” said state Rep. Robert Z. Falls, D-Cleveland, in a telephone interview.

The facility's opening marks the University of North Carolina System's educational move to complement the state's agriculture industries. The school, which opened last November, is the only veterinary college in the state.

The school's opening is a major milestone for North Carolina and its agriculture industry. The school will provide a much-needed boost to the state's economy and will help support the state's cattle and dairy industries.

It's a step forward for agriculture in North Carolina, and it's a step forward for the state's economy as well. The school will provide a much-needed boost to the state's agriculture industries and will help support the state's cattle and dairy industries.

The school's faculty, whom Curtin lured from the country's most prestigious vet schools, seem to agree.

“Seven new schools have been established in this country since the 19 traditional ones, the classics,” said Karl Bowman, an assistant professor. “Nobody, but nobody, can compare to this place.”
Celebrate North Carolina Veterinary Medical History!

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Vet School Echoes Agrarian Atmosphere

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—By Kim Devins—

Medicine:
The architects for the School, Freeth, Walters and Associates of Charlotte, enjoyed a rare privilege with this project: they were commissi... final.

Finally, A Reality
The 162-acre site is a sea in the school's environs. The new building will be a landmark on the campus, providing state-of-the-art facilities for the College of Veterinary Medicine.

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After 20 years of dreaming, vet school becoming reality

Dr. Daniel J. Mosedel, professor of parasitology, shows the new teaching laboratories in the School of Veterinary Medicine at North Carolina State University. The new building has been completed and is ready for the first class of 60 students entering this fall.

Connoisseur
Chef's Choice: R. Beautiful Latty Pet Works in Progress. Classified

Triangle Architecture Awards 1984

For several years now, Spectator has encouraged its readers to take an interest in their built environment by promoting works of architecture as a primary facet in the Connoisseur section. Continued in the belief that the Triangle is indeed "the South's most livable area" and as a matter of quality design in any other city or region in the country, we've featured selected projects that we believe are worth preserving as an architectural heritage, or that their design has in the environment in which they are located.

In keeping with the desire to promote quality design in our area, Spectator recently sponsored the first Triangle Architecture Awards Program. The purpose of the program, which was open to registered architects only, was to recognize outstanding works built since January, 1979.

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First Honor Award — School of Veterinary Medicine, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC

William Rand Kenan, Jr. Library of Veterinary Medicine
Thousands check out Vet school

Between 30,000 and 40,000 people turned out for the opening of the N.C. State University School of Veterinary Medicine, far exceeding the administration's expectations.

The parking lot was jammed with cars and buses, and the crowd was estimated at 10,000. The weather was perfect, and the sun was shining.

President J. Paul Brown dedicated the facility and introduced the faculty and staff. The new school is designed to train veterinarians in all aspects of veterinary medicine, including small animal, large animal, and companion animal care.

"This is a tremendous day for our university and the state," Brown said. "We have been working on this project for many years, and I am thrilled to see it finally come to fruition.

"The new school will provide our students with the best possible education, and it will help us train the next generation of veterinarians who will care for the animals in our state and beyond.

Hooves and paws

The Clydesdales appear at the opening of the N.C. State veterinary school Saturday in full dress, waiting to meet for the crowd. Their spotted mount up front is named — what else? — Bos Weaver.

Tons of Clydesdales visit here with lots of tender loving care

New veterinary school shown off to impressed open house crowd

Tour Guides "FACT SHEET"

For Open House

Tours 4/23/03

1. Who was William Moore?
   - State Veterinarian 1918-1946. During his term, N.C. became an accredited Brucellosis-free state five years before any other state, facilitated the eradication of the Texas Fever Tick in N.C. and became an accredited tuberculosis-free state a few weeks ahead of all other states.
North Carolina State University  
School of Veterinary Medicine

Veterinary Teaching Hospital  
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August 8, 1983

Dear Doctor:

We are pleased to inform you that the North Carolina State University School of Veterinary Medicine's Teaching Hospital is officially open. We encourage utilization of our referral services.

General Guidelines

1. The referring veterinarian initiates the referral by calling the NCSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital at 919-829-4260. The operator will contact the appropriate clinician to discuss your referral case. If the clinician is unavailable, a phone message will be taken.

2. Once the referral is arranged, your client must call the same number to complete the record and determine appointment time.

3. For consultations call 919-829-4260.

Receiving Schedules - Small Animal Clinic

1. Medicine and Dermatology - 9:30-12:00 M-Th., Fri., rechecks and emergency.
2. Surgery - M and W 9:30-12:00, F - rechecks and emergency.
3. Neurology - T and Th., 1:00-3:30.
4. Ophthalmology - M, W, F 1:00-5:00.

Discharge hours: 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. M-F.

Large Animal Clinic

1. Call 919-829-4260 to discuss the referral case with a large animal clinician. A clinician will be available daily to assist with referral and consultation calls.

2. The large animal clinicians will determine the appointment times.

We appreciate the support you have given the School of Veterinary Medicine and now look forward to working with you on consultations and referrals. More information will follow on faculty in a few weeks.

Sincerely,

William M. Adams  
Associate Dean and  
Director for Services

MAP ON BACK

North Carolina State University at Raleigh is a constituent institution of The University of North Carolina.
The 1984 ACC Tournament Program featured an article about the new NCSU Vet School.
Celebrate North Carolina Veterinary Medical History!

Louie, once pride of zoo, gets place of honor here

By MARY BUNCH
Times staff writer

At 11 feet, Louie the giraffe still stands tall.

Sadly, only the skeleton remains of Louie, who had delighted visitors at the NC State Zoo in Raleigh.

The skeleton, grand and impressive, recently was put on display in a crossover area of the N.C. State University School of Veterinary Medicine.

Louie was the pride of the zoo until a January day when he stepped off the encircling floor into an aisle. The fall proved fatal to the animal, and Louie was euthanized.

But Louie's story didn't end there. The animal's caretaker, Janis M. Leatherwood, professor of animal science at the veterinary medicine school, asked if the school wanted Louie's carcass.

Steve Heister, the school's animal lab manager, and student volunteers set out the next morning for the zoo to retrieve the giraffe.

In a sense, it was a heartwarming for Louie. The giraffe was preserved in 1944 with money raised by the Wake County Chapter of the N.C. Zoological Society.

Students and veterinary students visiting the skeleton can gain an understanding of anatomy and service, and veterinarians can use it for comparative anatomy.

Louie's bones weigh 200 pounds, about one-tenth of his weight in life.

Removing an animal in the house requires a large staff due to the difficulty, Holliod and Wood said.

When a giraffe is an anesthetized to retrieve Louie, the first process was to "think like an engineer" and remove major muscle groups to lighten the giraffe. Louie's heart alone weighed 22 pounds.

Horse health

Doug Reed, left, a veterinary school freshman, shows a model of part of a horse's digestive system to Tamara Meyer, center, and Tara Lynn Black, both of Apex. The young woman, who took part in the N.C. dressage and combined training seminar, were visiting the N.C. State University veterinary school lab Saturday.

School Gains Foundation Support

Animal owners, health care practitioners, and related industries are contributing to the NCSU School of Veterinary Medicine through the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Foundation.

The Veterinary Medical Foundation was established in 1978 to ensure a permanent source of income for NCSU's veterinary school. It is the fourth of the 13 foundations which raise private funds for the university's schools and programs.

In its first five years, the Veterinary Medical Foundation has raised a total of $83,664 for scholarships, research, new programs and the purchase of scientific equipment.

Among the most active contributors are the state's canine, equine and other animal clubs, which have established named scholarship programs in the School. The Veterinary Medical Foundation has also raised $21,000 for the Jerry P. Langdon Scholarship, in memory of the prominent Raleigh veterinarian.

In addition, a $100,000 anonymous gift has helped the Foundation develop a general endowment for the School of Veterinary Medicine.

The Lighter Side

By Proclamation of Governor James B. Hunt, Jr.

VETERINARY MEDICINE WEEK
in North Carolina
April 8-14, 1984

NORTH CAROLINA VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
N.C.S.U. SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE TEACHING HOSPITAL

Cartoon by Bill Ballard, University Graphics.

Read *Vetcetera* yearbooks in the Library’s Veterinary History Room.
Dr. Ference McKean invites you to attend a ceremony honoring the first graduates to receive a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Degree from North Carolina State University. At this time the doctoral academic hood will be presented and the veterinarian’s oath will be administered. The ceremony begins at seven o'clock in the evening on Friday, the tenth of May, nineteen hundred and thirty-five. A reception will immediately follow the ceremony and at eight o'clock you are invited to be Dean Gordon’s dinner guest.

Jane D. McKeean Center
North Carolina State University
Corry of Perrin Road and
Hickory Road
Raleigh, North Carolina

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Days of mud, no facilities long gone for 1st vet class

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When The Tough Got Going

By LOUISE LIONE
Staff Writer

The first class to attend the Fifield N.C. State University School of Veterinary Medicine in Raleigh were pioneers in more ways than one. In the beginning, they practicallyamped out.

“I just remember walking through the mud — mud up to your knees — to go to class in a barn,” says Lee Hunter, 25, of Charlotte.

“They issued flyswatters on our second day. Everybody got their own flyswatter for fly control, ‘cause we were in the barn.”

Tom Jakob, 27, formerly of Statesville and now Winston-Salem, remembers mud holes, too. And classes competing with the chase of construction. “Carrying our chairs from one building to another. Keeping warm with blankets and space heaters.”

Graduation ceremonies for surviving members of that hardy band are 9 a.m. Saturday at Raleigh’s Reynolds Coliseum. Waiting for them on the other side are the state’s important poultry, livestock and dairy industries, along with its Fidos and Miss Kittys, urban, suburban and rural.

Forty students — 20 women and 20 men, all North Carolinians — entered the new veterinary school that rough-and-tumble fall of 1961, and 37 made it through on schedule. The other three faltered briefly, but will finish next year.

Now, along with graduate students, interns and residents, the school has 222 studying for the DVM, doctor of veterinary medicine. Women outnumber men 129 to 93. Tuition and fees currently run about $6,200 a year for state residents, about $2,000 more for out-of-state students.

But preference going to residents, students still all North Carolinians. Little flags marking their origins on a state map hung in a corridor parade practically from Murphy to Manteo.

“We really have covered the state pretty well,” says Dr. Donald Howard, veterinary surgeon and dean of academic affairs.

“I think now we only have seven counties that aren’t represented, but those are counties that are very, very sparsely populated.”

The first bill to create a state veterinary school was introduced in the N.C. Legislature in 1961. After much debate, a few contretemps and preliminary planning, $7.3 million was appropriated in 1978 to start building the school on a 180-acre site about 2½ miles west of the main N.C. State campus once occupied by the university’s dairy farm.

Charlotte architects Ferreee Walters & Associates designed the $32 million main building, nearly seven acres under one roof, which was completed in December 1982.

Facilities include a teaching hospital, 44 research laboratories, 14 operating rooms, 16 examining rooms, nine classrooms and teaching laboratories plus a teaching farm.

Among the 27 U.S. schools of veterinary medicine, only the University of Wisconsin is younger.

In April, the N.C. school was accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association. “It’s an outstanding example of a college of veterinary medicine,” says Dr. Lee West, the association’s director of scientific activities. “Everything is ‘state of the art.’”

Howard envisions the school making a dramatic impact on a 100-county state where 30 counties have no more than two veterinarians, and 10 have none.

Ticking off the needs to fill, he lists North Carolina’s top cash crop, poultry, along with the swine and dairy industries. Horse farms and house pets will claim a share of the vet production, too.

Until the school was built, the state subsidized 36 slots a year for future N.C. veterinarians to study out of state. The options varied, but the last before North Carolina’s school opened were Auburn, the University of Georgia, Oklahoma State and Tuskegee.

Hard work and long hours have been the lot of the

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Lee Hunter: “I’d consider a 12-hour day... a short day”

Tom Jakob is working toward an eventual equine practice