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As this is our first attempt to establish communications with our former students, we expect that our mailing list is grossly inadequate. Consequently, we request your cooperation in our effort to bring our mailing list up-to-date.

1. If this newsletter was incorrectly addressed, please send us your correct address.
2. If you encounter other former Animal Science students who did not receive a copy of this newsletter, please ask them to send us their current address so that we can put them on the mailing list for future issues.

Your cooperation in this regard will be appreciated!



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Dear Friends:

Publication of this first Animal Science Alumni Newsletter, which we hope will become an annual event, is one of our 1970 New Year's resolutions fulfilled. It is our hope that through this publication we can keep you informed about activities in the department. Those of us who plod in and out day by day often are not aware of the changes taking place continually, but step away for a time and one is amazed. After one year away from the campus it is advisable to stop by the information Kiosk and obtain a map to be sure to find one's way. Old landmarks have been torn down, remodeled, or hidden by new buildings and changes in landscaping.

One needs only to read the newspapers to realize that the University is in a state of metamorphosis. Budgetary problems and student involvement frequently make the news but we are also faced with many challenges seldom reported by the news media. Reports in this newsletter reflect some of these pressures.

The establishment of other colleges on the campus has created a need for this department to establish service courses for other majors in addition to maintaining the best possible curriculum for animal science majors. There is a terrific public demand for environmental improvement -- air and water pollution, solid waste disposal, etc. As these problems have serious agricultural implications the need for this department to be responsive to the solution of these problems is self-evident. Current demand for conservation of existing recreational areas and for the development of more, is a challenge to agriculture's current priority on land and water resources. It is not surprising, therefore, that we find ourselves involved in research concerning fish, wild life, and multiple land use.

We hope that this letter may be a means of keeping you in better contact with us, in addition to keeping you informed. We are always interested in knowing what you have been doing, about your families, and any other interesting facts about your life which you care to reveal. So please let us hear from you occasionally. Your comments may provide material for "Alumni Newsnotes" in future issues.

Finally, if you ever are in the vicinity of Davis we hope you can find time to stop by for at least a brief visit and share a cup of coffee and a bit of chatter. On behalf of everyone in the Department of Animal Science, best wishes, a bit late, for a happy and prosperous new year.

Sincerely,

  
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