

Note from the Chair

For those who like snow and cold this winter has been like the proverbial manna! Make sure you check out the url sent by Pat Turner from the Rick Mercer Report. It is a comedic skit on the very unamusing attack on science by the Canadian government.

A few things to update. The warm room on the 3rd floor is fixed! The scaffolding in the main stairway should be gone soon, hopefully not to return again, so we can reclaim the lunch space. There is more lighting in the hallways...Report building deficiencies when they occur so that they can be fixed asap.

The recent **PEDv outbreak** has necessitated changes in PAHL receiving. Please be patient and work with the AHL personnel. Over the longer term the room will likely be redesigned so that clean and contaminated areas can be better separated. I'll update you when I know more.

Since re-organisation is the word of the year, we'll apply it to some of our space(s) shortly. More details to come.

March is coming!!

Cheers
John S. Lumsden

Punxsutawney Phil and **Wiarion Willie** both say there will be 6 more weeks of winter while **Dundas Donna** provides a more detailed prediction stating that winter will end March 19.

Shubenacadie Sam who did not see his shadow and is predicting an early Spring!

6 MORE WEEKS OF WINTER!!



Congratulations



Vivian Nicholson won two bottles of wine and OVC's *MILESTONES* book—*150 years of the Ontario Veterinary College*—from the department seasonal lunch quiz.

Vivian has also announced that she will be officially retiring on March 1st. Retirement celebration details to follow.

Rick Mercer Report



Rick Mercer reports about the Government of Canada's closure of research libraries.

<http://youtu.be/hkFUKDPi5EE>



INVITATION

You are invited to attend a presentation by Dr. George Mehaffy.

"Universities: Peril and Promise in a New Age"

Dr. GEORGE MEHAFFY
Vice President, American Association of State Colleges and Universities

Thursday February 13, 2014
12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.
PETER CLARK HALL

Tales from the Vaults: Veterinary Notes and early veterinary education at the OVC

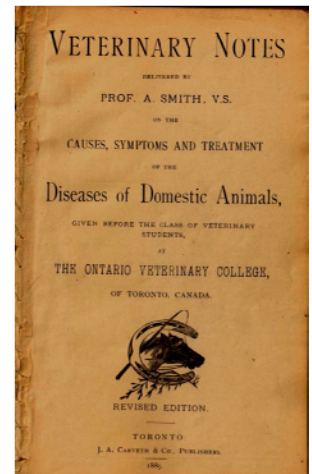
When Andrew Smith arrived in Canada in the early 1860s to found the veterinary school that would become the OVC, a suitable text for teaching veterinary medicine in Canada did not exist. Numerous veterinary books did exist in the world but as veterinary medicine was a new field in a young nation, a more direct and practical approach was thought more appropriate. Smith, along with fellow faculty member Duncan McEachran, would publish *The Canadian Horse and His Diseases* in 1867.

The book shown here, *Veterinary Notes*, was first published in 1883 and was compiled from Smith's various lectures. The book would be a regular fixture in the veterinary curriculum of the OVC for many years. This copy of *Veterinary Notes* is the oldest copy of the book contained in the C.A.V. Barker Museum's vast collection of antiquarian veterinary books.

This particular copy was published in 1889 and was owned by J. Orville Reed, an 1896 graduate of the OVC who was from Danville, Pennsylvania.

— Lisa Cox
(Lisa Cox is a historian and post-doctoral researcher exploring the history of OVC and the veterinary profession in Canada)

Taken from <http://bulletin.ovc.uoguelph.ca/post/75494811634/tales-from-the-vault-veterinary-notes-and-early>



Pathobiology Seminar Series Fridays @ 11:00 am, Room 1810

Fri. Feb. 7, 3-Minutes Seminars.

Fri. Feb. 14, **Craig Bailey**, Biomedical Science, "Modeling attention deficits in mice: Role of nicotinic acetylcholine signaling in the brain".

Feb. 18-22, Reading Week, no classes.

Fri. Feb. 28, **Adina Bujold**, PhD Candidate Seminar, "A tale of two tonsils: Exploring host-pathogen interactions with the swine pathogen *Actinobacillus suis*".

OVC Events

Thurs. Feb. 27, **CPHAZ Seminar SAVE THE DATE, Dr. Marc Allard**, Research Area Coordinator for Genomics, U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Seminar at 10 am in Rm 1812 PAHL. Title: TBA. Hosted by Roger Johnson (PHAC).



OVC faculty, staff and students are invited to get back in the saddle – the bike saddle, that is – for the sixth annual Guelph [Inside Ride](#). The event, which takes place March 23 in the atrium of the U of G Science Complex, has raised more than \$180,000 for the [Coast to Coast Against Cancer Foundation](#) which supports children and their families living with and beyond cancer.

- **Feb. 10:** Inside Ride Launch Presentation and Pizza Lunch — Room 1714 OVC Lifetime Learning Centre
- **March 5:** OVC Cafeteria Spin in support of the Inside Ride — OVC cafeteria
- **March 23:** Sixth Annual Guelph Inside Ride — Science Complex Atrium

Reminder

Every month turn on the taps of every sink for 5 minutes and pour water down the floor drains – this will help fill the traps with fresh water and stop the sewer smells from coming up the drains.

University Events

New Technologies and the Human Body: A Series of Talks by Guelph Researchers

Prof. Carla Rice, Canada Research Chair in the College of Social and Applied Human Sciences, presents "Project Revision: Reflecting on the Methodological and Pedagogical Possibilities of Digital Storytelling." A light lunch will be provided. Everyone is welcome. Noon MacKinnon Building, Room 225.

Wed. Feb. 12, **RESEARCH SEMINAR**, Plan now to attend the next research seminar in the Faculty Information Exchange Series! Topic: "Managing Intellectual Property in Research Contracts", 12:00 - 1:00 pm, UC 441. ALL WELCOME

Thu. Feb. 13, **Dr. George Mahaffy** "Universities: Peril and Promise in the New Age", Peter Clark Hall 12pm

Library Workshops, workshops are available for faculty, staff and both undergraduate and graduate students. For a complete list of all McLaughlin Library workshops, visit: <http://ow.ly/gPI95>.

Wed. Feb. 5, **Job Fair**, A collaborative effort between the University of Guelph, University of Waterloo, Wilfrid Laurier University and Conestoga College. Visit <https://www.recruitguelph.ca/cecs/2014-job-fair> for information regarding the fair. Location: RIM Park in Waterloo. Time: 10:00 am to 3:30 pm. Buses depart from the University Centre every 30 minutes, starting at 9 am.

Arboretum Events

Thurs. Feb. 13, **Nature Guelph Seminar [Formerly Guelph Field Naturalists]**, **Andrew Peregrine**, "Lyme disease and the raccoon roundworm: Is the risk of human infection increasing in Ontario"?

NEW INCIDENT REPORTS

Please note that there are new **Incident Reports** and the **Incident Reporting Process** on the EHS website at <https://www.uoguelph.ca/hr/ehs>.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Christi Cooper, Manager, Agricultural and Veterinary Safety, Environmental Health and Safety T 519-824-4120 ext 52049; C 519-212-0426.

Defenses, Oral Qualifying Exams

Wed. Feb. 5th, **Olivier Côté**, PhD Final Defense, "SCGB 1A1 IN EQUIDS", **10:30 am, Room 1810.**

Reminders

Faculty and Graduate Students, Progress Reports are due every semester:

This is the link to the forms http://www.ovc.uoguelph.ca/path/doc/UofG-OVC-GradStudentFillableFinal_000.pdf. These are due to Donna Kangas by **Fri. Feb. 7th**.

OVC Award Applications are due to Donna by **8:00 am. Tues. Feb. 18th**.

Events

Wed. Feb. 5, **Graduate Student Learning Circle** The Graduate Student Learning Circle presents "KMB/KTT Career Paths and Practices." **3 pm Science Complex, Room 1511.**

READING WEEK
February 18-22nd
NO CLASSES

NEW CLUB



We would like to announce that there will be bi-weekly series of discussion on cutting-edge topics in Immunology on **Tuesday afternoons from 3-4 pm in room 4838.**

The first session will be on **Feb. 4th**. The topic for this week is "**Antiviral Activities of Interferons**".

If you would like to join us or have a topic for discussion, please let us know.

For more information, please contact Neda Barjesteh at nbarjest@uoguelph.ca

HEALTH & SAFETY CORNER



Winter, snow and ice can be dangerous. One of the most common injuries are due to falls from ice and snow. Take steps to prevent a fall.

BE SAFE: walk at a slow pace, stay on designated walkways, watch and avoid slippery surfaces and avoid using cell phones.

BE SMART: plan extra time to get around, remove snow from shoes when entering a building, use handrails, wear appropriate footwear.

BE SEEN: wear visible clothes, wait for vehicles to stop before crossing the road (they may not be able to stop immediately).