Week in Review:

**Topping Out Ceremony**

The CVHS celebrated a milestone in the construction of the Academic Center faculty office building with a Topping Out Ceremony.

The new 13,972 sq. ft. space will house 40 Veterinary Clinical Sciences faculty members. Read more about the Topping Out Ceremony here: [http://tinyurl.com/n2o27xc](http://tinyurl.com/n2o27xc).

**AAEP Annual Convention News**

Approximately 55 alumni, faculty, staff and friends gathered for a reception during the American Association of Equine Practitioners Annual Convention held recently in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Congratulations to the door prize winners pictured above with Dr. Jean Sander, Dean of the CVHS (front center), Drs. Amanda Wilson (’14) and Nicole Logan (’03). Standing (left to right) are Drs. Thomas Loafmann (’63), Craig Niblett (’97), Kevin Wellington (’93), Renee Jaklitsch (’10), and Bob Moak (’74).

**Former OSU Regent Passes**

John W. Montgomery, DVM, of Poteau, Okla., passed away on Dec. 5, 2014. While he was not an OSU alumnus, Montgomery touched OSU’s veterinary center through his service on the Board of Regents for two terms and as president for two terms.

Montgomery was active in politics and civil rights. He was instrumental in the integration of public schools, swimming pools and several restaurants in the Poteau area. Some of his honors and awards include being an OVMA Veterinarian of the Year, an Outstanding Alumnus of Tuskegee University, an Oklahoma Hall of Fame Inductee and a Prairie View A&M University Hall of Fame Inductee.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to The Dr. John Montgomery Scholarship Fund at Prairie View A&M University, 100 University Drive, Prairie View, TX 77446.

**Week Ahead:**

**New Website Launches Today!**

We have worked diligently to create a new website that engages our audience—the students, alumni, clients, faculty and staff—in a design that is easier to navigate while providing stimulating content and useful information.
Alumnus Takes the Reins at AAEP

Congratulations to Dr. R. Reynolds Cowles on his recent installation as vice president of the American Association of Equine Practitioners!

Dr. Cowles ('67) owns the Blue Ridge Equine Clinic in Earlysville, Va. Established in 1979 as a full-service clinic, today the bulk of his practice focuses on lameness in race and performance horses.

Active in the AAEP, Dr. Cowles has also been involved with the Virginia horse industry for many years. Read more here: http://www.thehorse.com/articles/34986/texas-am-professor-to-lead-the-aaep-in-2015.

Mani Earns Diplomate Status

Congratulations to Dr. Rinosh Mani on successful completion of the board certification examination by the American College of Veterinary Microbiologists in the specialty of Bacteriology and Mycology! He was one of only five successful candidates to be certified in this specialty in 2014.

Dr. Mani serves a dual role at the CVHS where he is the bacteriology lab manager at the Oklahoma Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory and also lab manager for the infectious disease and immunology teaching labs in the Department of Veterinary Pathobiology.

Check it out at the same address (www.cvhs.okstate.edu). Discover inspiring stories, photos and videos. Connect with us on social media. We hope you enjoy the new look!

Dr. Stein Retires

Larry Stein, PhD, is retiring after 28 years of teaching and service. Dr. Stein is an associate professor of anatomy and the interim department head for the Department of Physiological Sciences.

Please join him for a celebration of his career on Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 2 p.m. in the Alumni Conference Room 115 McElroy Hall. Refreshments will be served.

House Officer Seminar

Dr. Johnattan Arango will present “Pathologic Fractures” on Thursday, Dec. 18, at 8 a.m. in Room 104 at the Veterinary Medical Hospital. Dr. Arango is a Small Animal Surgery Resident mentored by Dr. Mark Rochat.