GOBBLE. THIS. UP. »

This is a tasty morsel. At our annual CVHS Alumni Society meeting two alumni stepped up to serve. This is kind of a big deal because we've been in a dry spell. Dr. Flynn ('97) had to serve two terms as secretary and pull double duty as VP. Kim Morey ('90) has stepped forward to fill the secretary position. (Insert standing ovation.)

We also approved an Alumni Ambassador. The AA is new and exciting because it represents a position developed to provide networking to veterinary students and alumni globally. I think I just cloned myself. Harry Traylor ('85) volunteered as our inaugural Alumni Ambassador. He's throwing down the gauntlet to others who might have enough heavy metal to do this:

• Co-develop host programs matching veterinary students to accommodations for interviews, preceptor and externships
• Cultivate a mentoring/networking community with veterinary alumni and students

If you want to join the Alumni Ambassador network, please look up - hit reply. Hear those pistols fire. Special thanks extend to Drs. Morey and Traylor for kickin’ it up for Alumni programming.

"TO CHANGE EVERYTHING IT TAKES EVERYONE" »

I borrowed this quote from an interview given by Dr. Eric Rignot, a serious NASA geoscientist who shares his greatest hope for the future of earth amidst climate change.

At CVHS we have the team and momentum in place for greatness in our future but we must begin to adapt to new, sustainable financial climates. Dr. Rignot also says, “We didn't leave the Stone Age because we ran out of stone.” Pause and ponder.

Just as the Stone Age gave way to new technology (more complex tool materials) we too, must adopt sustainable practices. To sustain our alumni programs we must change the way we have done things in the past. This is fundamental cellular science, adapt or die.

So, what's keeping us from advancing finances for alumni use? In the coming months you will hear from your Alumni Board and me with some new ideas in capturing funding for discretionary alumni use. I call it a friend-raising proposal.

By why wait? In the meantime you can send checks payable to OSU Foundation via your alumni office at 308 McElroy Hall, Stillwater, OK 74078. Increase the fund for alumni that works specifically for you. Thank you to those who have sent in contributions and supportive words. Won't you join in the effort to move alumni programs forward in the coming years? This is some serious physics. You have the power to make change. I hope you'll take this opportunity to act on it.

It is the giving season. Hey, you can give in honor of your cronies and I'll send a YOU'VE BEEN GIFTED* card! Then there's the real gift from IRS in April. That's yours to keep.

It's Friday. We've eaten some ahem, turkey. Now BEAT OU!