7-1-1982

Secretary Block Visits New Bolton Center
Alumni Day, on May 15, 1982, was blessed with beautiful weather, and was a huge success. The annual festivities were attended by 220 alumni and their family and friends. The oldest alumni in attendance were Dr. Evan L. Stubbs (V '11) and Colonel Jesse D. Derrick (V '16). Dr. Carlos Rojas Maldonado (V '42), having traveled from Bogota, Columbia was the individual who came the greatest distance.

In the morning the regular meeting of the Veterinary Medical Alumni Society was held in the spacious classroom of VHUP, with President A. Cleveland Brown (V '59) presiding. Dr. Josephine Deubler (V '38), historian, reported some interesting statistics about graduating classes. Did you know that the Class of 1919 had only three members? The first woman graduated from the School was Dr. Deubler herself (1938). As of this year the total number of graduates is 3,736, with 405 women. Since 1978, each class has had more than forty women.

Dr. Brown introduced various individuals, including the Fifty Year Class which had five members present.

Dean Robert R. Marshak addressed the meeting, and stressed that 1982-83 will be a year of extreme financial stress for the School. Various faculty groups are hard at work to determine how we shall best deal with the problems. On the brighter side, Dean Marshak reported that the School has received two new, and very prestigious chairs. (see elsewhere in this issue of Bellwether) and that both VHUP and the Widener Hospital for Large Animals are being operated very efficiently and are generating considerable income. In closing the dean expressed confidence that the faculty and staff will be able to meet the problems of the coming year and also expressed his appreciation to the state government for the financial support we have received.

Another encouraging note was the report of Dr. Donald G. Lee (V '36), chairperson of Alumni Annual Giving. A total of 493 donors have contributed $137,536. Thank you for your support!

A highlight of the meeting was the presentation of Alumni Society Citations to four distinguished alumni. Those honored were Dr. Mark W. Allam (V '32), Dr. John E. Gadd (V '32), Dr. Robert L. Leighton (V '41), and Dr. Charles W. Raker (V '42). These awards were followed by the presentation of plaques to two former faculty, Dr. David K. Detweiler spoke briefly about Dr. Roger S. Amadon, former professor of physiology who died in September, 1980, at the age of ninety. Dr. Detweiler then unveiled a handsome plaque. He was assisted in this by Dr. Amadon’s widow, Dr. Mary Amadon (V '39) and his son, Terry. Funds for the plaque were contributed by a number of Dr. Amadon’s former students. Following this presentation, Dr. Adrian Morrison, professor of anatomy, informed the Society that a plaque had been erected in the area of the anatomy laboratory to honor Dr. Donald G. Lee (V '32), former professor of anatomy.

The Nominating Committee presented its report, and the following people were nominated and then unanimously elected as officers for the year 1982-83: president, Dr. Nancy Brown (V '73); first vice-president, Dr. Kenton Stokes (V '68); second vice-president, Dr. William Hardy (V '66); historian, Dr. Josephine Deubler (V '38); and representative to the General Alumni Board, Dr. William Eccleston (V '61).

President Cleve Brown then expressed his appreciation for the cooperation given to him during the past year. He obviously enjoyed serving as president and did an excellent job. Thanks Cleve! In her first official act as new president, Dr. Nancy Brown presented the class banner to the president of the Class of 1982, Mr. Tony DiCarlo. There were 99 graduates in this class. Welcome to the Alumni Society and to the profession!

The business meeting was followed by a delicious luncheon and tours of VHUP. In the evening, alumni and families gathered in the parking pavilion of VHUP for dinner and dancing.

On Sunday, May 16, Dr. Mark Allam hosted a champagne brunch for the classes of 1932 and 1942 at New Bolton Center. On the previous evening the members of the Class of 1942 had a sumptuous dinner at the Chadd’s Ford Inn. This was arranged by Dr. Walter Hastings and was attended by thirty-five alumni and family. Both of these affairs provided the opportunity for some old-fashioned reminiscing and plenty of good cheer. It was a glorious Alumni Day. See you next year!