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The Loyal Red and Blue
Alumni Society Briefs

Planning for class reunions and Alumni Day is underway. Veterinary classes celebrating class reunions are being contacted by class presidents and reservations for parties have been made at inns in the Kennett Square area. Most classes are celebrating in conjunction with Alumni Day activities scheduled for May 21 at New Bolton Center. The Class of 1933, celebrating its fiftieth, and the Class of 1958, celebrating its twenty-fifth reunion will be honored with a dinner at Allam House the evening of May 21.

Alumni Day will begin with a coffee reception with Dean Marshak, a video presentation, and tours of NBC conducted by the faculty. Alumni will gather at Alumni Hall for the annual meeting of the Veterinary Medical Alumni Society, chaired by Or. Nancy O. Brown.

Following the meeting, during which awards will be presented by the Society to outstanding veterinarians, alumni will spend the afternoon enjoying a traditional barbecue and visiting. The party atmosphere will be heightened with music, flying of class flags and a display of the buggies and wagons kept at New Bolton Center.

Information regarding both reunion and Alumni Day will reach alumni by mid-April. Further information is available by contacting the Veterinary Alumni Affairs Office.

Annual Giving 1982-83

As the Annual Giving year enters its final months, alumni, parents, and friends of the School of Veterinary Medicine are once again responding to the challenge of meeting the goal for 1983-$200,000.

Over the years there has been a remarkable increase in the amount of annual giving. Ten years ago, the Fund received $77,228. Meeting this year's goal by June 30 will mean an increase of nearly 200 percent. This has been possible through the increased participation of alumni classes in the effort.

According to Dr. Nancy O. Brown, Alumni Society President, the classes of the Seventies have responded to appeals with increasing participation and amounts. Increasing the number of donors as well as the total receipts has become very important to the School. "The percentage of participation among alumni, rather than the size of the gift, is often an important factor when corporations and foundations review grant proposals," explained Elizabeth Caulk, Director Of Annual Giving for the Veterinary School. Last year, the Class of 1968 gave $12,285. The Class of 1952 mustered 69 percent of its members as contributors.

Chairman of the Annual Giving Campaign 1982-83, is Dr. William B. Boucher, Emeritus Professor of Medicine. He has appealed to alumni and friends alike to continue and increase their support of the School through the Annual Giving habit because this money provides an essential source of unrestricted funding for support of the hospital and laboratory services as well as the high quality of teaching, research, and clinical programs of the School.

Sports Day

The student lounge of the Rosenthal Building was filled with hungry, muscle-sore veterinary students and faculty, and their families on Saturday night, January 8. As beer, donated by the Alumni Society and SCAVMA was quaffed, hoagies and pretzels were munched, the results of Sports Day 1983 were tallied by Jim Reed, third-year student coordinator.

Sponsored annually by the Veterinary Alumni Society, the day brought some 250 faculty and students into friendly competition. At Hutchinson Gym teams representing each class and the faculty battled away at badminton, basketball, squash, racketball, volleyball, and swimming. Levy Pavilion hosted a series of tennis matches. The Alpha Psi House was filled with ping-pong tournaments. By afternoon, veterinary runners were huffing through a three-mile course along Boat House Row in Fairmount Park. Points achieved by winners in each event were tallied to find an overall team winner.

A large bronze Sports Day plaque, to be engraved with the name of each year's winning team, will soon hang in the VHUP student lounge. The plaque was donated by Adelphia Graphic Systems, will show "The Class of 1984" as a two-time winner of the event. Second place went to the second-year class, organized by Barb Flickinger. Third place was captured by the faculty team, organized by Dr. Charles Newton, Associate Professor of Orthopedic Surgery, and his assistant, Dr. Chris Hutson. Other coordinators were Rick Grunich, fourth-year, and Karen Blumrick, first-year class.

As food and beer disappeared, Sports Day participants "limped" out to begin another semester of study and pressure. All agreed that this was a great way to get the winter semester off to an energetic start.