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In Memory of Philip B. Hofmann

Philip B. Hofmann, a senior member of the School's Board of Overseers, died on December 30, 1986, at the Miami Heart Institute. Mr. Hofmann and his wife, Georgia, have had a long and close association with the Veterinary School and the University.

In 1964, the Hofmanns established the Georgia and Philip Hofmann Research Center for Animal Reproduction at New Bolton Center. Mr. Hofmann, a graduate of the Wharton School, received the General Alumni Society Award of Merit and an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from the University. The Wharton School presented him with the Wharton Gold Medal, and, in 1984, the Veterinary School bestowed on Mr. Hofmann and his wife its Centennial Medal.

For 43 years Philip Hofmann was associated with Johnson & Johnson, beginning as a shipping clerk and rising through the ranks of the corporation to chairman and chief executive officer. A marketing genius and entrepreneur, he was a chief architect in building Johnson & Johnson to its present great scale and stature.

An avid horseman, Mr. Hofmann competed in the show ring, at hunter trials, and in three-day events and stadium jumping. Together with his wife, Georgia, he established a racing stable, Wycombe House Stud, and bred and raced the champion sprinter Gold Beauty, an Eclipse Award winner, and five other stakes winners.

Mr. Hofmann was a moving force in American coaching competition, and he headed the first Johnson Park International Driving Show, held in New Brunswick, New Jersey, in 1970. He was the founder and president of the American Driving Society and served on an international committee to formulate international rules for driving competition. He was elected to the Coaching Club of England, and in 1974 he was the first American driver to represent this country in world-championship driving competition. In 1973, Mr. Hofmann organized the Liberty Run, a two-day coach trip from Wall Street to Independence Hall.

The Four-in-Hand coach, carrying 2,000 pieces of mail and passengers, traveled along the old post route. The run was completed in 34 hours, with an overnight stop in Princeton, New Jersey.

During his long association with the sport of horses, Mr. Hofmann served as founder and first president of the U.S. Combined Training Association, director of the American Horse Show Association, chairman of the executive committee at Monmouth Park, president of the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders Association, trustee of the Thoroughbred Breeders Association, and member of the executive committee of the American Horse Council. He was also a United States Equestrian Team Honorary Life Member.

In 1986, Mr. Hofmann retired from competitive driving after suffering a heart attack while training for the Royal Windsor Horse Show in England. Queen Elizabeth II honored him at this show for his service to the sport and presented him with a silver-mounted, inscribed Four-in-Hand whip.

Philip Hofmann is survived by his wife, Georgia, and two daughters, Judith and Carol.

Israel and Anna Live Endowment Fund

Dr. Israel Live (V'34) has established the Israel and Anna Live Endowment Fund. Its proceeds are to be used annually towards support of a fourth-year student designated by the dean.

Dr. Live, emeritus professor of microbiology, has been on the faculty of the School since 1934. He is the first graduate of the School to receive a graduate degree. In 1936 he was awarded the M.A. degree, and he received his Ph.D. degree in 1940.

Warhol Painting Donated

Henry S. McNeil, Jr., a member of the School’s Board of Overseers, presented a painting by Andy Warhol to the School. The painting, part of Warhol's series "Images of a Child," depicts a parrot.

Continuing Education Courses for Animal Health Technicians

This summer, Harcum Junior College will be holding two continuing education conferences for Animal Health Technicians. Both will be day-long conferences and will be held on Harcum's easily accessible suburban campus in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.

The first conference will be held on SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1987. Areas to be covered include: aquatic veterinary medicine, small animal neurology, diagnostic radiology, and zoosoones. Tuition for this conference is $25.

The second conference will be held on SATURDAY, JULY 18, 1987. It will be a hands-on conference in Intermediate Hematology Wet Labs, and participants are encouraged to bring problem slides with them. This conference is limited to 10 participants, so early registration is encouraged. Tuition for this conference is $35.

For registration information, please call 215-525-3554. The deadline for registration is May 11, 1987.

 graphs and synovial fluid analysis have failed.

Dr. Richardson explained that arthroscopy is not a panacea. "It helps prevent the joint problem from worsening. In order to alleviate the disease, we must determine the cause or underlying injury and eliminate it as much as possible." Arthroscopy has shortened recovery time and lessened the danger of infection or cosmetic blemishes as the incisions are very small. The animal is more comfortable and can resume its work or training sooner when compared to tradition arthroscopy.

In veterinary medicine, arthroscopy is used primarily in horses. Occasionally, such surgery is also performed on cattle. It is not routinely used in the treatment of small animals as the joints are smaller, though researchers have employed the technique when studying changes in the stifle joint of dogs with damage to the ligaments.

According to Dr. Richardson, arthroscopic techniques may be expanded to include the use of the recently purchased laser in the treatment of joint disorders.

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