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versus the "cookbook" style of learning. For this rea-
son he urged that the basic science departments be
strengthened and this was done, leading to a much
closer relationship between clinical and basic sciences.
Next, he recruited individuals for the clinical science
departments so that they would have time available for
research, a situation which never before existed in the
Veterinary School. This required major additions to
the clinical staff and this took place.

All of these, and other changes, eventually forged a
department that is one of the best in the world.
Their determination, and hard work was a remarkable
upgrading in clinical teaching, research, and service in
the Veterinary School. Further, the renaissance of clin-
ical science at Penn had an impact on the entire vet-
inary profession. Under Dr. Marshak's guidance clin-
nical specialties, now a major part of veterinary
medicine, were developed at Penn, and he is rightfully
recognized as the "Father of Veterinary Clinical Spe-
cialties." Also, under Dr. Marshak the Veterinary
School developed an international reputation as the
leader in comparative medical research. Lastly, he was
a prime mover in the creation of the core-elective cur-
riculum, a revolutionary move in veterinary medical
education.

The development of the specialties required the
postgraduate training of numerous young men and
women, and Dr. Marshak provided the opportunities
for those individuals to engage in this experience.

Today, many of those who underwent this training are
leaders in their particular field.

Many other major changes and improvements
occurred during Dr. Marshak's deanship. Some of
these are: a major addition to the Large Animal Hos-
pital at New Bolton Center, a the creation of VHV
on the Philadelphia campus; completion of the
C. Mahlon Kline Center for Orthopedics and Rehabil-
titation; creation of new, innovative programs such as
a Program of Aquatic Animal Medicine
(AQUAVET), and the Center for Interactions of
Animals and Society; and major renovations in the
old quadrangle building to provide much needed
research space. During the years 1976 to 1982, Dr.
Marshak directed fund-raising efforts which realized
27.5 million dollars from the private sector, and from
1974 until present the appropriation from the
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania increased from $1.7
million to over $70.7 million. Since 1983, Dr. Marshak
has directed a major fund-raising effort known as the
Second Century Fund. To date, over 30 million
dollars have been raised in this effort.

Dr. Marshak is a charter diplomate of the Ameri-
can College of Veterinary Internal Medicine and
served as president of this group from 1973-1976. He
has served on the editorial board of several journals,
including the American Journal of Veterinary
Research, the Journal of the American Veterinary
Radiology Society, and the Cornell Veterinarian.
From 1964 until 1967, Dr. Marshak was chairman of
the Committee on Postdoctoral Education of the Ameri-
can Association of Veterinary Clinicians, and from
1975 until 1978 he was a member of the Committee on
Veterinary Medical Sciences of the National Academy
of Sciences. During the period 1976 to 1981, he was a
member of the Council on Research of the American
Veterinary Medical Association. Dr. Marshak served
on the Advisory Council of the New York State Col-
lege of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University from
1977 until 1986. He currently serves on the Board of
Directors of the Bide-a-pee Home Association and the
Pennsylvania Livestock Association, and is a member
of the Advisory Council of the James A.
Rake Institute for Animal Health, Cornell University,
and of the Secretary's Animal Health Advisory Board
of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

Dr. Marshak is a member of the American Associa-
tion for the Advancement of Science, the American
Association for Cancer Research, the American Vet-
eryin Medical Association, the Pennsylvania Veteri-
inary Medical Association, the American Association
of Veterinary Clinicians, the Conference of Research
Workers in Animal Diseases, and the College of Physi-
cians of Philadelphia (fellows). He is also a member of
The New York Farmers, the Philadelphia Society for
Promoting Agriculture, and the Westminster Kennel
Club.

Dr. Marshak has published over seventy scientific
papers, many of them on the subject of bone
leukemia, but also on metabolic diseases and lepto-
spirosis. He has published four major review articles.

Dr. Marshak's contributions to the profession were
recognized by the University of Bern, who awarded him
an honorary degree of Dr.med.vet.

Despite the multifarious activities involved in
administering the Deans Office, Dr. Marshak has kept
uppermost the fundamental matters that nourish the
Veterinary School: high academic standards, research,
teaching, patient care, and community service. His
resolute character and his zest have inspired the
School. In spite of the great amount of time which he
is required to spend in political and fund-raising activ-
ities, Dr. Marshak has become a major spokesman for
the profession. He has been superbly articulate. He
has embraced an extraordinarily broad constituency,
including the legislature, the alumni, the Pennsylvania
Veterinary Medical Association, agricultural groups,
humane societies, the dog and cat world, zoo and
wildlife groups, and aquatic medicine.

As Dr. Marshak retires from the Deanship on July 1,
1987, he leaves a legacy that not only encompasses
his momentous professional and academic contribu-
tions, but brilliantly reflects his role as a compassion-
ate and understanding human being. He cared!

——John F. Martin, V.M.D.

Vincent B. Murphy, Jr.,
Honored

During the May Board of Overseers meeting, Dean
Marshak presented the School's Centennial Medal to
Vincent B. Murphy, Jr., member of the School's
Board of Overseers a chairman of the Veterinary
School's Second Century Fund Campaign, Following
is the laudation:

Linked to Pennsylvania by a shared devotion to
animal welfare, Vincent B. Murphy, Jr., has worked
selflessly to make the School of Veterinary Medicine
a stronger, better, more responsive institution. A highly
successful investment banker with extensive overseas
responsibilities, he managed to find ample time for his
large family as well as for a host of philanthropic interests. Central among these interests,
born out of an enduring love for horses and for horse-
manship, is the equine athlete. This is expressed in
countless ways—as President of the United States

Equestrian Team, as the owner of top competition
jumpers, as the father of daughters who are world-
class competitors, as an Overseer and Chairman of the
Veterinary School's Second Century Fund Campaign,
and as one of the School's most generous benefactors.
A close friend and advisor to two deans, he has helped
the School to chart a successful course through
hazardous financial shoals. Though a loyal Yale man,
his strong ties to the Red and the Blue have never
been in doubt.

In applauding Vincent Murphy's magnificent record
of service to the School of Veterinary Medicine, his
fellow Overseers join the Dean and the Faculty in
inviting him to accept the Centennial Medal, the
School's highest tribute.

New Laboratory

The laboratory in the Section of Medical Genetics
was renovated to accommodate a new laboratory in
medical genetics. The funds for the renovation were
provided by the Mrs. Cheever Porter Foundation.
Trustees of the Foundation visited the new laboratory
in June. During the visit Dr. John Wolfe, who will be
directing the laboratory, discussed his work.

Left to right, Mr. Clifford Starkins; Dr. Wolfe; Mr. Edgar
Scott, Jr., chairman of the board of trustees, Mrs. Cheever
Porter Foundation; and Mr. Patterson.

Left to right, Dr. Wolfe discussing his work with Mr. Alton
E. Peters and Mrs. Clifford F. Starkins of the Mrs. Cheever
Porter Foundation.