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Second Century Fund Tops $35,000,000
The Second Century Fund continues to grow! Through the generosity of our many friends and supporters, the total amount accumulated by March 1, 1988, reached $35,000,000. Over the past four months, a number of important commitments were made that support educational and research activities, add to the School’s endowment, and further a set of capital projects.

Endowment is the most critical area to provide for the School’s future. Several recent contributions will support new scholarship funds and a book program for outstanding, but needy students. We gratefully acknowledge the generosity of Mr. Eberhardt LeSchau and Mr. Roy A. Coutl for their support of student aid. Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Galbraith made an additional gift to the Dr. Charles W. Raker Professorship in Equine Surgery. Because of the vision and generosity of these and many other individuals, Penn continues its nationwide leadership among veterinary schools in the number of endowed professorships.

In addition to these designated gifts for endowment, the School’s administration placed several unrestricted contributions into endowment funds. The estate of Marie A. Moore provided a bequest to establish the Marie A. Moore Chair in Humane Ethics and Animal Welfare. An additional contribution from her estate was directed to the C. Mahlon Kline Orthopedic and Rehabilitation Center to support the operation of the facility.

A recent donation from Mrs. Philip Hofmann was set aside as seed money to create an endowment for the Georgia and Philip Hofmann Research Center for Reproduction.

The School’s list of capital projects continues to attract strong financial backing from donors. New gifts and pledges were received for the interior outfitting and equipment needs of the Connelly Intensive Care Unit and Graham French Neonatal Section. Mrs. Elizabeth R. Moran, Mrs. A. C. Randolph, the American Horse Breeders Association, the estates of Mr. Sydney S. Captain and Dr. Harry Frank, and an anonymous donor all contributed generously to the project.

American Cyanamid Company made a major donation to the construction of the Allam Dairy Facility. Mr. Keith Eickel and Mr. Richard W. Newpher, President and Administrative Secretary, respectively, of the Pennsylvania Farmers’ Association, supported additional capital projects at New Bolton Center.

The Mabel Pew Myrin Trust awarded a two-part grant, totalling $640,000, for repairs and operation of the Allard Myrin Memorial Research Building at the New Bolton Center campus.

A variety of program support was received over the past four months. The most notable of these was a $1,750,000 grant from the Lucille P. Markey Charitable Trust. This grant is part of a $3.1 million award to be shared jointly by the Veterinary School’s Dr. Donald F. Patterson, Charlotte Newton Sheppard Professor of Medicine, and Dr. Mark I. Greene, Professor of Medicine of the University’s Medical School. This project is aimed at correcting the gene functions that have been lost in the cells of animals as a result of genetic diseases (see accompanying article elsewhere in this issue).

The Southeastern Poultry and Egg Association is supporting Dr. Robert J. Eckroade’s research in the pathogenesis of Salmonella enteritidis infection in egg-laying chickens. Universal High Technology Corporation awarded a grant of $75,000 to Dr. James Buchanan for research in cardiovascular grafts.

In addition to these grants, we wish to acknowledge the generous assistance of the following individuals: three anonymous donors; Ms. Helen W. Brann, Mrs. R. V. Clark; Mr. and Mrs. Henry R. C. Elser; Mrs. Muriel Freeman; Mr. Edgar H. Griffiths; Mr. M. Roy Jackson; Dr. Elnor B. Jenny; Mr. T. Lincoln Kerney; J. D. McCullough, V.M.D.; Mr. John W. Merriweather; Mr. and Mrs. Hardie Scott; Ms. Mary M. Silkworth; Ms. Abby R. Simpson; Mr. James A. Smith; Mrs. Mary L. Smith; and Mr. Oakleigh B. Thorpe.

These individuals are joined by the American Equine Foundation; the American Livestock Company; the Bucks County Kennel Club; the Devon Dog Show Association; DVM, Inc.; the Mrs. Alida Scaife Gates Memorial Grant; the Bruce J. Heim Foundation; Hills Pet Products, Inc.; Mahoning-Shenango Kennel Club, Inc.; The Massey Trust; the New Jersey Veterinary Education Foundation; the Pellegrino Scholarship Fund; the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association; and the Pennsylvania Veterinary Foundation.

We extend our sincere appreciation to all of the individuals, corporations, foundations, and associations for their generous commitment to the Second Century Fund. Over the past five years, the School has strengthened its teaching and research programs, while adding new service facilities. These accomplishments are due, in large measure to the campaign’s success. And the campaign’s success rests upon people concerned about and committed to animals, veterinary medicine, and their place in contemporary society. We thank you for your help.

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Master of Ceremonies Roger Caras.

Dr. and Mrs. Donald F. Patterson present a quilt depicting the Marshak years. The quilt was crafted by Mrs. Patterson.

Dr. Robert R. Marshak.

Board of Overseers Chairman Charles S. Wolf reminisces about the Marshak years.

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Marshak Roast

A dinner and “roast” in honor of former Dean Robert R. Marshak was held on the eve of the Penn Annual Conference. The friends, alumni, and faculty members numbered 250 at this fun-filled evening. Speeches were made, toasts were proposed, and gifts given.