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Alumni and Continuing Education Corner

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Annual Meeting
of the Veterinary Medical Alumni Society

The Annual Meeting of the Veterinary Medical Alumni Society was held on Saturday, May 20, at New Bolton Center.

The incoming president, Max J. Herman, V'59, made the following remarks:

"The Veterinary Medical Alumni Society was organized in June of 1987, the day the first class graduated from the Veterinary Department of the University of Pennsylvania. We are very pleased to be a part of such a long-standing organization and I would like to tell you how I see the future unfolding. I see it as a kind of relay race -- receiving information from the past, holding and building for the present, and then passing on to the future. This spring on 'Wide World of Sports,' I watched a marathon relay race from New York City. This was a kind of relay race called the Ekiden. A young runner named Marcus Sullivan was a member of the winning Irish relay team. Incidentally, Marcus Sullivan, who is an olympic-distance runner and ran for Villanova University, has some interesting ties to Veterinary School. His brother-in-law, Ted Sprinks, graduated in 1981, and his sister-in-law, Pat Sprinks, Farrell, and her husband, police, graduated in 1976. One of the unique features of this Japanese-style race is the sash, called the Tsuki, that the members pass on to each other in lieu of a baton. I feel that Jay is passing that Tsuki on to me, and I accept it hoping that I will hold it securely, and when the time is right, pass it on. But before that happens, we hope to accomplish several things:

1. Members of the Executive Board plan to expand the in-house newsletter to reach all alumni.
2. We plan to form an ad hoc committee of recent graduates to increase communication with our new graduates.
3. We scheduled a meeting for June 16 at which the duty of the class agents. Confirmed class agents are the key to a successful alumni program.
4. The alumni received a letter asking for their assistance in the School's recruitment efforts.
5. We plan to have alumni play an active part in freshman orientation.
6. And, we hope to increase Ben Franklin enrollment through personal telephone calls.

In all of these areas, our major goal is to encourage rapport between alumni and the School.

M. J. Herman, V'99 (L), accepting the President's gavel from Jay J. Simmons, V'56.

Dr. David Swart, President Class of 1989 presents Dr. Herman, with the flag.

So Jay, I accept the sash in our little version of the Ekiden, which by the way means 'messenger between posts.' I will run this race to the best of our ability, incorporating past experience, present coaching and support, and a bright future for veterinary medicine at Penn.

Dr. Herman introduced the members of the 1989-1990 Executive Board of the Veterinary Medical Alumni Society.

Liaison - NBC
George L. Hartein, V'68
York, PA
Mixed Practice, predom. Large Animal

Awards Committee
Howard Hughes, Jr., V'67
King of Prussia, PA
Laboratory Animal Medicine

1990 P.V.M.A.
Charles W. Koenig, V'57
Limerick, PA
Mixed Practice, predom.
Small Animal

Faculty Member
Richard A. McFadyen, V'61
Acting Chairman, Clinical Studies
New Bolton Center

Liaison - VHUP
Donald R. Shields, V'63
Huntington Valley, PA
Small Animal Practice

Past President
Jay J. Simmons, V'56
Audubon, NJ
Small Animal Practice

Long Range Planning
Joseph Deck, V'63
Pittsburgh, PA
Mixed Practice
Small Animal

Continuing Education
Joseph Tull, V'66
Brooklyn, NY
Small Animal Practice

Member at Large
Robert J. Tachman, V'56
West Boylston, MA
Mixed Practice

1989 P.V.M.A.
Patricia L. Thomson, COR '60
Los Angeles, CA
Small Animal

Small Animal Practice

Harcum Junior College to Offer its AVMA Accredited AHT Program in the Evening

Harcum Junior College's veterinary technology technician program will be offered in the evening starting in September, 1989. This will allow students who are not able to go to school during the day to become eligible to sit for the Pennsylvania state certification exam. Harcum is offering this to better meet the needs of the veterinary community for graduate technicians and, hopefully, to increase the program's enrollment.

A maximum of 28 credits of general education courses will be accepted for transfer by the program. AHT specific courses will be offered two or three evenings a week on a trimester basis. A student who transfers the maximum number of credits could complete the evening program in 2-1/2 years.

The practicum experience in association with the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine is the main feature that sets Harcum's program apart from most others. Evening students will be required to complete practica during the day. Students in private practice have graduated that they would work without their technicians for six months they were on practicum if they knew that when the student returned they would be eligible to sit for the state certification exam.

For more information contact: Nadine Hackman, V'73, Director Academic Health, Technicians Program, Harcum Junior College, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010, (215) 526-6055.
Continuing Education Courses

We are pleased to present the 1989-19 Continuing Education Programs for graduate veterinarians. A brochure with application form has been sent to all alumni. Should you wish additional copies or information, please call the Alumni Office at 215-898-4234.

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*Non-members of NPWMA

Alumni Weekend

Whatever happened to . . . ? In case you're wondering what became of that 'old gang of mine', just take a look at these photographs and see who you recognize. Alumni attending the May 20th Alumni Day Festivities at New Bolton Center spent a beautiful sunny afternoon reminiscing about the good times, followed by an evening of reunion dinners and dancing. Many thanks to all who helped make Alumni Weekend a success.

Harcum Junior College
Animal Health Technician Program
Continuing Education Wet Labs

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VHUP Formulary

The Veterinary Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania Formulary has been revised and includes drugs used at the Veterinary Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, suggested dosages, and major contraindications for small animals including exotics. It is available to practicing veterinarians.

For more information, call Heather E.S. Toland, (215) 526-6046.

Class of 1939 during the afternoon festivities.

Class of 1939

The Class of 1939 during the afternoon festivities.

Class of 1944

Class of 1954

Class of 1959

Class of 1964

Class of 1969

Class of 1974

Class of 1979

Class of 1984

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