School & Teaching Awards

A crowd of 437 came to Longwood Gardens for the Annual Student Government Dinner Dance on May 5. Centerpiece of the evening was the presentation of the 1990 Student Government Awards for Teaching Excellence to members of the faculty and staff.

Designed to enable each of the four classes of the School to honor an individual who exemplifies the highest degree of proficiency in teaching, the award is given to "anyone involved in the educational process who has made a major contribution to our veterinary education through dedicated, creative, and informative teaching." Dr. Bernard H. Shapiro, professor of biochemistry, was the recipient of the Class of 1993 Teaching Award. Dr. James B. Lok, associate professor of parasitology, won the Class of 1992 Teaching Award. Dr. Raymond Sweaney, assistant professor of medicine, received the Class of 1991 Teaching Award. Dr. Lesley King, lecturer in medicine, was presented with the Class of 1990 Teaching Award.

Sue Barbour, an anesthesia technician at VHUP; Dr. David Sweet, an intern at VHUP; and Dr. Michael Rosenzweig, a resident at VHUP also received Student Government Teaching Awards. Dr. Rosenzweig was also the recipient of the IAMSSmall Animal Clinician Award. Dr. Sweet also won the Dr. Jules Silver Bedside Manner Award. Dr. Robert Washabau, assistant professor of medicine, was the recipient of the Norden Faculty Teaching Award. This is the 27th year that this award has been given to recognize outstanding teaching.

Dr. Joan Hendricks, assistant professor of medicine, received the Beecham Research Award. Dr. Elizabeth Laws, received The William B. Boucher Award for Outstanding Teaching at New Bolton Center by a House Officer.

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Ground Breaking for the Mark W. Allam Center for Dairy Cattle Research and Teaching

Ground breaking for the Mark W. Allam Center for Dairy Cattle Research and Teaching took place on May 24 at the New Bolton Center campus of the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine.

The Allam Center will serve as a modern and sophisticated environment for veterinary and graduate students interested in the medical and managerial aspects of dairying; a regional resource for the dairy industry; and a laboratory for veterinary medical researchers in fields such as epidemiology and preventive medicine, nutrition, reproduction, infectious and chronic diseases, and dairy cattle economics.

The building will house a 130-head herd; 50 dairy cattle will be accommodated in a tie stall barn and 80 will be housed in a free-stall barn. The facility will be equipped with a double six herringbone milking parlor and a feed storage and mixing center. There will be an exercise lot, connected to the free-stall barn, and a manure storage system.

Funds for the building were provided through appropriations from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and gifts from individuals and corporations. The designers of the facility are Argue and Associates, Dairy Consultants, and Francis, Cauffman, Foley, Hoffmann, Architects LTD. Occupancy is expected by the summer of 1991.