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Rosettes & Ribbons
Dr. Ray Sweeney, V'82, assistant professor of medicine, received the 1991 Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching, the University’s most prestigious teaching award.

Dr. Robert Kenney, professor of animal reproduction, is the eighth recipient of the David E. Bartlett Award. This award, sponsored jointly by the College of Veterinary Medicine and the American Society for Theriogenology, is one of the nation’s most prestigious awards in the field of reproduction.

The School was well represented at the 1991 Annual Meeting of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons in Orlando, Fla., in September. The group gave three different two-day seminars for practitioners.

Dr. Robert Eckroade, associate professor of poultry pathology, testified at hearings of the New York Department of Agriculture on behalf of the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation. Dr. Eckroade reviewed the unresolved scientific issues regarding Salmonella enteritidis and the logistical problem of testing large numbers of poultry houses.

Dr. Donald Adj, V'61, presented a lecture, Aquaculture in the U.S. - Where it is Going?, to the New York Farmers dinner in New York.

Dr. Robert S. Hoge, V'55, was awarded the 1991 Charles E. Bled Practitioner of the Year Award by the American Animal Hospital Association. It is the highest award given by the association, Dr. Hoge was honored for his many contributions to the veterinary profession.

Dr. Stuart Fromm, V'69, was featured in People Magazine in May. Dr. Fromm is commissioner of laboratory animals for Cambridge, MA.

Dr. Ralph E. Werner, V'68, received Distinguished Service Awards from the New Jersey Veterinary Medical Association and the Atlantic City Police K-9 unit.

Dr. Harry A. Reynolds, V'57, was awarded an honorary degree from the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine faculty after 25 years of service.

Dr. David L. Nunnaker, V'68, was awarded the 1991 Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching, the University’s most prestigious teaching award.

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Dr. Gary Raiczik, V'84, was named Veterinarian of the Year by The Jersey Shore Veterinary Medical Association, a distinction given annually to an outstanding veterinarian in the state.

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Teaching Awards

The ballroom at the Hotel du Pont in Wilmington was filled to capacity for the Annual Student Government Dinner Dance on April 14. Centerpiece of the evening was the presentation of the 1991 Student Government Awards for Teaching Excellence to members of the faculty and staff.

Three postdoctoral NIH fellowship.

Ziskind Prize Awarded

Joseph Sito, V'93, is the recipient of the Dr. Morris L. Ziskind Prize. The prize was established by Dr. Ziskind, Class of 1936, benefactor of the School, to designate the second year student receiving the highest combined grade in Poultry Medicine, Epidemiology, and Public Health.

Scholarships

Lynee Mazzone, V'93, and Kenneth Turner, V'92, were the first Lois L. Fairchild Scholars in Veterinary Public Health. John Moore, V'92, received the Westminster Kennel Foundation Scholarship. The Clark Foundation of Cooperstown, NY awarded a scholarship to Joshua Clay, V'98. Six students received educational grants from the American Kennel Club; Gillian R. Gibson, V'94, Amy Holleger, V'93, Arthur Jankowski, V'94, Lynee Mazzone, V'93, Susan Volh, V'95, and Noelle Weeks, V'95. Ms. Mazzone also won a scholarship last semester from the Association for Women Veterinarians and she was named a 1991 Regional Jams Veterinary Scholarship Award recipient.

The New Jersey Veterinary Education Foundation awarded scholarships to Pamela Bendock, V'92, Tiffany Bogert, V'92, Mary Lou Ciccone, V'92, John Price, V'93, Robin Pulten, V'92, and Kenneth Turner, V'92. Ms. Bendock also received a scholarship from the Union County K.C. Sharone Lachette, V'92, is the recipient of a scholarship from the Mid-Susquehanna K.C. The Lancaster K.C. awarded scholarships last semester to Julie A. Norton, V'91, Frederick M. Rock, V'91, and Lisa A. Rud, V'94.

Patricia M. Hogan, V'92, is the recipient of a scholarship from the Amlin Foundation. Linda Casper, V'92, Cynthia DiBuono, V'92, Erin Hannabach, V'92, and Lori Ludwig, V'92, each received a Salisbury scholarship. Jay Jasen, V'93, received a scholarship from the Southfield Animal Hospital. Ana E. Bartok, V'93, received a scholarship from the Meeting House Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association. Maureen Firth, V'93, was awarded a scholarship by the Maine Rehabilitation Fund Scholarship Committee.

Veterinarians and Wildlife Experts Train Arab Wildlife Rescue Workers

The massive oil spills in the Persian Gulf early this year endangered many birds, marine mammals and fish. A United Nations-sponsored six-member team, three veterinarians, two wildlife specialists and a bird specialist, was brought to Bahrain in May to help train wildlife workers to deal with the great influx of animals injured by the oil. The team was assembled by Tri-State Bird Rescue and Research, Inc. of Wilmington, DE, with a strong reputation for successfully rehabilitating oiled birds. It included Dr. Greg Bossart, V'78, the veterinarian at Miami Seaquarium, Dr. Josh Dein, V'80, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Dr. David Price, V'87, director of the Laboratory of Pathology, Philadelphia Zoo, Lynne Frink, president, TSBR, Mary Jane Dalton, clinical supervisor at TSBR, and John Finnich, assistant curator of birds at the Philadelphia Zoo. To provide additional expertise on oil, a multi-national Oil Spill Support Team was organized. Its 14 members are experts in such fields as research chemistry, veterinary medicine, wildlife rehabilitation, marine biology, and fishery biology and medicine. Three members of that team are School alumni, Dr. Leslie Dierauf, V'74, Dr. Susan Donoghue, V'76, and Dr. Julia Langenberg, V'83.

The five-day workshop in Bahrain attracted 45 participants from Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, and Bahrain. "We were thoroughly impressed with the level of environmental awareness among the Arabs, and the enthusiasm with which they approached each topic we presented," said Dr. Pierce. "We feel confident that the programs that are developed as a result of the workshop will be staffed by competent and enthusiastic nationals with some expatiate consultants providing needed expertise, at least in the initial stages."

The workshop covered a wide variety of topics, including human health and safety, protection of vulnerable habitats, deterrent methods (try to prevent birds from becoming oiled), field retrieval methods, the general characteristics of birds and special notes on the birds and vulnerable habitat of the Persian Gulf. The team also extensively covered aspects of medical and rehabilitative care of oiled animals, necropsy techniques, and how to design and operate a rehabilitative facility during an oil spill. Dr. Bossart gave detailed lectures on the legal and management of oil-injured sea turtles, dolphins and dugongs. In addition to lectures, the team provided two afternoon hands-on training sessions in bird handling, medical evaluation, and necropsy procedures.

The team also visited the Wildlife Rescue Center in Jubayl, Saudi Arabia, which was established in January in response to the oil spill. On January 26 the Saoudi were faced with a daunting task," said Dr. Pierce. "One of the largest oil spills on record in the face of a war, with no established rehabilitation facility, no staff trained in oiled animal rehabilitation, and having to deal with two of the most difficult bird species - cormorants and gulls. With temporary assistance from the British RSPCA and a Dutch expert team sponsored by the European Community, the center handled 70 to 100 birds a day during January and managed an approximately 40% release rate."

During ceremonies in Washington D.C. on June 5 the team was recognized along with the U.S. Marines for their contributions to the efforts of the Wildlife Rescue Center in Jubayl.