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Scholarships

Susan Bauman, V'95, has been named Hall's Pet Products Dean’s Scholar. Joseph K. Gaydos, V'94, has received the Lois F. Fairchild Scholarship in Veterinary Public Service. The Berks County Kennel Club awarded a scholarship to John Mrs. C. Micek, V'92. The recipient of a scholarship from the Mid Susquehanna Kennel Club is Catherine Micek, V'92. Linda A. Casper, V'92 is the recipient of the Dr. Samuel Sedlak Memorial Scholarship. The Dr. Guss Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Rebecca L. Frankenh, V'92. Ann E. Bastian, V'93, received the Dr. Palace Setz Memorial Scholarship. These three awards were made by the Pennsylvania Veterinary Foundation.

The Pocono Mountain Kennel Club awarded a scholarship to Elizabeth Wade, V'94, Pamela Bondock, V'92, and Tiffany Bogart, V'92, are the recipients of the Richard Door Scholarships. Debra Buchanan, V'93, received a scholarship from the Trushel Scholarship Trust. Sharon Lachette, V'92 is the recipient of the David J. and Victoria R. Greenstreet Memorial Scholarship. Joanna Manz, V'92, was awarded a scholarship by the New York Farmers, Inc.

The William Goldman Foundation awarded four scholarships. The recipients are: Lori Ludwig, V'92, Martha Rodgers, V'92, Christine Czerniewicz, V'93, and Janonna Lee, V'92. Rebecca Frankenh, V'92, and Brenda Kaufman, V'94 were recipients of Bruce J. and Helen Dean's Scholarships. Billiard Hall's Scholarships were awarded to Evan Penning, V'93 and Joseph Sito, V'93. Corinne Dunagan, V'92, received a scholarship from the Mispillion Kennel Club.

W. Edward McGough Memorial Fund Established

Many friends of the late Dr. W. Edward McGough asked how they might create a lasting memorial at the School for this eminent psychiatrist, well-known and respected member of the Dog Fancy, and long-time member of the School's Board of Overseers. Since education was always a special priority for Ed, memorial gifts are being used to establish an endowed Dean's Scholarship in his name. In the event that gifts total less than $50,000, the amount required to fund a Dean's Scholarship, the funds will be added to the School's general scholarship fund.

We thank those individuals and dog clubs listed below for their thoughtful gifts in Ed's memory. Additional funding is needed to create the W. Edward McGough Dean's Scholarship, and we invite other people who knew and admired Ed to make this special tribute to his memory possible.

The following are as follows:

Lois Auslander
Robert K. Caldwell & Helen B. Jones
K. Carol Carlson
Frances B. Deis
Dr. M. Josephine Deubler
Samuel E. Ewing II
Steven D. Gladstone
Mrs. Dona E. Hausman
Mrs. James H. Higgins
Paul Jarrell
The Kennel Club of Philadelphia
Dr. James W. MacKenzie
James J. McTernan
Monmouth County Kennel Club
Rock River Valley Kennel Club
Daniel J. Schoenaker

Each year the Westminster Kennel Foundation invites the recipients of the Westminster Kennel Foundation Scholarship to the Westminster Kennel Club dog show at Madison Square. A formal presentation is made prior to the best in show judging. Shown during this year's presentation are, from left to right, Mr. William H. Chisholm, trustee, Mrs. Robert V. Lindsay, trustee, Carol Calista, student at Tufts University Veterinary School, Scott Moore, V'92, Robert C. Hart, College of Veterinary Medicine, Michigan State University, Vivien Surman, College of Veterinary Medicine, Cornell University, Mr. Peter R. van Brunt, trustee, Mrs. Robert V. Lindsay, trustee.

John T. McGrath, V'43

Dr. John T. McGrath, emeritus professor of veterinary pathology at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine, died Oct. 10, 1991. A world-recognized veterinary neuropathologist, Dr. McGrath served on the Veterinary School's faculty for 41 years. He was acting chairman of the department of veterinary biology (later department of pathology) from 1953 to 1961 when he was appointed chairman. He served in that capacity until 1963. Dr. McGrath received his veterinary degree from Pennsylvania State College and served as captain in the Army Veterinary Corps until 1946. The following year he joined the School's faculty. In 1953 he received his board certification by the American College of Veterinary Pathologists. Dr. McGrath's research interests included epilepsy and neurologic tumors in animals and he wrote the textbook Neurologic Examination of the Dog, a standard for examination and diagnosis of neurologic disease in dogs. In addition, he published nearly fifty papers in journals and contributed chapters to other textbooks.

During his long and distinguished career, Dr. McGrath received many honors. In 1961 he was selected Veterinarian of the Year by the American Veterinary Medical Association and in 1966 he received the same honor from the American Animal Hospital Association. In 1967 he was the recipient of the Norden Teaching Award. In 1969, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to neuropathology, he was awarded an honorary veterinary degree by the School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Turin, Italy, and in 1974 he received the Klobock Medal from the School of Veterinary Medicine, Brno, Czechoslovakia. The Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association presented him its Distinguished Veterinarian Award in 1988.

Dr. McGrath, an accomplished musician, played the saxophone and the clarinet. As a young man he performed with his father's band in Wildwood and the Willow Grove amusement park. While attending veterinary school, he performed with a band at a dance hall on Walnut Street and studied his veterinary notes, taken on the back of sheet music, during intermissions. Many here at the School remember his playing at parties and get-togethers.

Dr. McGrath judged at local and national science fairs and lectured nationally and abroad. He served as a consulting veterinarian for companies such as DuPont, Merck, and SmithKline. He was a member of the AVMA, PVMA, World Federation of Neurology, International Academy of Pathologists, and the Philadelphia Neurology and Pathology Societies.

Dr. McGrath is survived by his wife, Elva C.; sons T. Timothy, Dr. J. Terrence (V'79) and J. Thomas; one brother, two sisters, and six grandchildren.

Memorial contributions can be made to the John T. McGrath Scholarship Fund, care of the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine.