

Alpha Psi Remains Vibrant

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Alpha Psi, the national social-professional fraternity for students in veterinary medicine, is the only veterinary fraternity that is still active at the University of Pennsylvania. Penn's chapter was founded in 1908. Our historic house is still located at 4002 Pine Street, and is always open to alumni. The number of fraternity members and our enthusiasm are strong, and our future looks bright. Members have been extremely active working on the many repairs and improvements needed for the aging house but there is still much to be

done to in order to preserve this West Philadelphia landmark.

We are currently working with the School of Veterinary Medicine's Office of Development and Alumni Relations to rebuild a database of

Alpha Psi alumni. We are eager to contact alumni for advice and for possible support. All alumni and anyone interested in helping or contacting Alpha Psi, please contact me via e-mail at <robertlm@mail.vet.upenn.edu>.



Class of 2003 White Coat Ceremony

A tradition from medical schools has been introduced at the School of Veterinary Medicine. The School's first White Coat Ceremony was held for the Class of 2003 on December 14, 2001. The ceremony marks the end of the students' training in the classroom, and the beginning of their clinical rotations where they will apply the knowledge they have learned during the first two-and-a-half years of their four-year veterinary education.

Sponsors of the ceremony included the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association, and its local constituent associations: Capital City, Cumberland Valley, Lehigh Valley, Schuylkill Valley, and Western Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Associations; the University of Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Alumni Society; the Class of 2003; and the School's Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association. Matthew Ryan, Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, provided United States/Pennsylvania flag lapel pins for the students to wear on their white coats.

