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Aside from its role as the tie that binds the graduates of this school, the Veterinary Medical Alumni Society is playing an increasingly active role in the affairs of its *Alma Mater*. This comes through a mutual effort on the part of the society and the administration. A case in point is the participation of the president, Dr. Cleve Brown, in the recent Faculty Educational Retreat. In developing the format for the retreat, the administration recognized the importance of having input from alumni on matters of teaching and curriculum. As various recommendations proposed at the retreat are implemented, the alumni will be called upon to advise the faculty on the educational program.

Our alumni are scattered over the United States and it is very often difficult to arrange for school visits. So, the school has developed an outreach program by sponsoring hospitality suites at major professional meetings, where the dean and the president of the alumni society, or their designees, are present to talk with graduates and answer questions about current school affairs.

The formal bond between our body of graduates and the Veterinary School is the Executive Board of the Alumni Society. This group meets, at the school, every two months to discuss alumni affairs and to act in an advi-

sory capacity to the administration. The president of the society prepares an annual report which provides alumni with a digest of business transacted at meetings of the Executive Board. The Executive Board consists of Dr. A. Cleveland Brown (V'59), president; Dr. Nancy O. Brown (V'73), first vice president; Dr. Kenton S. Stokes (V'68), second vice president; and Dr. Josephine Deubler (V'38), secretary/historian. Dr. Stokes serves as representative to the General Alumni Board and is chairman of the Liaison Committee. This committee meets annually for a two-day session in which all major activities of the school are surveyed. A report of this meeting is presented on Alumni Day. Dr. Loy Awkerman (V'52), is past president, and serves as representative for Organized Classes. Other committee chairmen are: Dr. Donald G. Lee (V'36), Alumni Annual Giving; Dr. Clifford F. Wright, Jr. (V'49), Benjamin Franklin Associates; Dr. Samuel F. Scheidy (V'29), Awards Committee; Dr. Bruce Schmucker (V'59), Continuing Education; Dr. Raymond W. Giuliani (V'59), Membership; and Dr. John E. Martin (V'42), Publications. The Student Representative is Mr. Randy Ross, president of Student Government.

In addition to providing the school with valuable counsel, members of the Alumni Society have been generous in their financial

support. Alumni House, the dormitory-cafeteria complex at New Bolton Center, was constructed through alumni contributions. Each year, graduates respond to the Alumni Annual Giving Campaign in an enthusiastic fashion, and participation in other major channels of support, such as the Benjamin Franklin Associates, is growing steadily. Funds contributed through these programs are unrestricted, enabling the school to purchase equipment and to carry out programs that cannot be supported with restricted funds. Unrestricted funds are a vital part of the school's annual budget.

The administration is grateful to the many individuals who take time from their busy lives to serve the school, and to the Veterinary Medical Alumni Society collectively for its support. We need the benefit of your counsel, and hope that you will always feel free to pass on your suggestions as to how we may better meet our missions in education, research, and service.

If you have news to share with or about alumni, you may do so through this column by sending the information—typed, double-spaced—to Elizabeth Caulk, Alumni Affairs, U of P School of Veterinary Medicine, 3906 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104.

Animal Rescue League Gives Gift to VHUP

The Animal Rescue League of Philadelphia has given \$11,900 to provide the Emergency Service of VHUP with an acute care cage and a defibrillator.

This will enable the Emergency Service to give immediate oxygen therapy, and provide proper temperature and humidity control—all important in the treatment of critically ill and injured animals. The defibrillator is used for cardiac arrest cases to "re-start the heart."

The Emergency Service never closes and is equipped to provide life-saving procedures as soon as an animal is admit-

ted. When the patient's condition is stabilized, it can be admitted to the Intensive Care Unit where twenty-four-hour monitoring of vital signs plus life-support systems maintain the patient.

Clark Pavilion Dedicated

On September 18, 1981, Dean Robert M. Marshak and the Board of Overseers dedicated the Elizabeth Dunn Clark Ambulatory Pavilion in the Veterinary Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. A plaque in the pavilion records that it was provided through the generosity of Mrs. Clark and is in "recognition of her dedicated humane interest in all animals."

Mrs. Clark, who resides at Springfield Farm, Middleburg, Virginia, is indeed a lover of animals. Among her many interests, Mrs. Clark maintains the largest kennel of Labrador retrievers in the United States. The pavilion is in the public area of the west wing on the first floor of the new hospital.

Outreach

On December 5, 1981 Dean Robert M. Marshak co-chaired a symposium titled "Animal Kind: Companion Animals Today." The symposium was sponsored by Bide-A-Wee and the New York State Humane Association in cooperation with the Latham Founda-

tion, at the State University of New York, Farmingdale, NY. Also chairing was Dr. Lee Salk, Clinical Professor of Psychology in Psychiatry and Pediatrics at Cornell University Medical College.

Meet the Board of Overseers

The following individuals comprise the Board of Overseers of the School of Veterinary Medicine.

In subsequent issues of *Bellwether* we will describe the function and activities of the Board of Overseers.

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