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In his *Autobiography* Benjamin Franklin said, "I turn'd my thoughts again to the affair of establishing an Academy. The first step I took was to associate in this design a number of active friends...."

That was in 1740. In 1955 a number of active University of Pennsylvania alumni founded the Benjamin Franklin Associates and agreed to contribute \$1,000 or more a year without restriction to the University through Annual Giving.

These donors, now organized as the Benjamin Franklin Society, may designate their gifts to one or more Schools within the University for unrestricted purposes, and in 1981-82, 54 members of the Society contributed \$75,611.00 to Veterinary Annual Giving.

Members of the Society who support the School of Veterinary Medicine recognize the School's need for this kind of money to assure its primary position among America's veterinary schools. Tangibly, members have an annual reception with the president and trustees of the University, and at the Veterinary School they may take two Continuing Education courses without charge, have free on-campus parking, and receive a complimentary copy of SCALPEL, the School's yearbook.

Each Alumni Weekend the dean and the Board of Overseers host a black-tie dinner for the veterinary members of the Benjamin Franklin Society. Following this year's dinner Dean Robert R. Marshak and Clifford F. Wright (V'49), our Benjamin Franklin Society chairman, unveiled a plaque in the lobby of the Veterinary Hospital recognizing the Society's members who contribute to the Veterinary School.

Membership in the Benjamin Franklin Society is in three categories: Founder (\$10,000 or more); Fellow (\$5,000 or more); and Associate (\$1,000 or more). Further information on the Society is available from Elizabeth S. Caulk, director of Veterinary Annual giving at (215) 898-4234.



New Bolton Center Day at Belmont

Over 200 trainers, horseowners, veterinarians and others interested in Thoroughbred horses attended a seminar on "Fetlock Problems in the Racing Thoroughbred" at the Turf and Field Club, Belmont Park, New York, on June 24, 1982. Hosts for the affair were Dean Robert Marshak of the School of Veterinary Medicine and Dr. Manuel A. Gilman who has been an examining veterinarian for New York State for the past thirty-seven years. Four faculty members from New Bolton Center gave presentations: Drs. Loren H. Evans, professor of surgery; William R. Moyer, assistant professor of surgery; Charles W. Raker, the Lawrence Baker Sheppard Professor of surgery; and Charles F. Reid, professor of radiology and chairman, department of clinical studies, New Bolton Center. These participants were joined by Dr. John R. S. Fisher, a veterinarian and prominent trainer and Dr. William P. Tew, assistant professor, School of Medicine, The Johns Hopkins University.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Stuart Evans (V '59), Pittsburgh, PA (left) and Dr. and Mrs. Clifford F. Wright (V '49), Bethlehem, PA (right).

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