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## Chair in Aquatic Animal Medicine

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# From the Dean



We have closed out the school year on several notes. First, by successfully completing our five-year Second Century Fund Capital Campaign at over \$43,000,000; secondly, by completing a Strategic Plan that will provide the necessary direction for our growth as we approach the next century.

There is a sense of anticipation and excitement in the air as we begin the new academic year. The Strategic Planning exercise has given us a myriad of ambitious goals to be achieved in the areas of curriculum revision, student life, research focus, and faculty and staff development.

Within the next year we will be making meaningful commitments to further enhance certain of our clinical and service areas including our food animal programs, basic research effort and our equine sports medicine program.

I look forward to our continued working relationship with the General Assembly, our faculty, students, staff, friends and benefactors.

Edwin J. Andrews, V.M.D., Ph.D.



A ground breaking ceremony for the addition to the Center of Animal Health and Productivity was held at the New Bolton Center campus of the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. Senator Noah Wenger (second from right) and Representative Joseph R. Pitts (second from left) assisted Dean Andrews and Dr. Romberg in the symbolic turning of the earth.

The addition will house offices, computer laboratories and seminar rooms, and will utilize the Center's current space. The Center for Animal Health and Productivity, established to provide service to farmers, training in production systems veterinary medicine, and research in animal agriculture, is funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.



1989 Legislator's Day

Pennsylvania legislators and their staff came to New Bolton Center on June 1 for the 1989 Legislator's Day at

the School. They toured New Bolton Center's facilities and attended the ground breaking ceremony for the addition to the Center for Animal Health and Productivity.

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The University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine has established "The Robert R. Marshak Term Professorship of Aquatic Animal Medicine and Pathology," the nation's first term chair in aquatic medicine to be established at a veterinary school.

The University is currently searching for a candidate to fill the chair. The holder of the chair will also become the director of the Laboratory for Marine Animal Health (LMAH), a diagnostic laboratory established in 1981 by Penn and the New York State College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University.

It is a part of the world-renowned Marine Biological Laboratory (MBL) in Woods Hole, Mass.

Donald A. Abt, who is currently director of the LMAH and is associate dean and professor of epidemiology and biostatistics at Penn's veterinary school, said the laboratory has described more than 40 previously unknown diseases affecting marine life since its inception eight years ago. "Our research focuses on the lower of the invertebrates, such as sea worms and sand dollars, on up to marine mammals," Abt said. "Although founded primarily to study diseases of marine animals used in research, the

lab has increasingly been called upon to participate in investigations of environmental and ecological problems."

The MBL is also the site of the annual AQUAVET program, an intensive introductory course in aquatic medicine in which the LMAH also plays a vital role. This year, 24 students from around the world participated, Abt said. The course, beginning in May, covered a broad sampling of topics, ranging from ecology and anatomy of marine invertebrates to marine mammal health.

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