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Dear Friends:

At long last the School of Veterinary Medicine is emerging from its embattled financial position of the last three years. We expect to move quickly and decisively to ensure that Penn’s Veterinary School is the standard of excellence against which all others will be measured.

State funds have been appropriated for both the 1993 and 1994 fiscal years. Although the amounts provided fall short of those necessary, we can balance our budgets with help from the University and our many external friends and supporters. Most importantly, we are now in a position to reinvest in our personnel resources and critical programs. This will include funding for faculty and staff retention, searches for vital new faculty in each department, and plans for a number of much needed facility renovations.

The State recognized the School’s importance by appropriating significantly higher amounts to us than the other non-preferred institutions, including the University itself. Yet, we realize that stable funding is of paramount importance to all of our long term goals.

Accordingly, this summer the University administration, Overseers, faculty, staff, and our many friends, especially those in the agricultural community will meet with us to define a more stable relationship with the State.

On behalf of our students, faculty, staff and clients, I extend sincere thanks to all who offered their moral, financial and political support through these difficult years. All of the School’s friends and supporters have invested in its future, and we are confident that the trust placed in us will now be rewarded.

Veterinary School Teaching Awards

On April 4 the SPIRIT OF PHILADELPHIA sailed at 7:00 P.M. from the foot of Market Street at Penn’s Landing. Aboard were almost 500 students, faculty and staff for the annual STUDENT GOVERNMENT TEACHING AWARDS DINNER DANCE. It was a festive evening and great fun!

Dr. Patricia Sertich, assistant professor of reproduction, received the Carl J. Nutten Distinguished Teacher Award. Dr. Tony D. Mogg, resident in medicine, received the William B. Bocher Award for Outstanding Teaching at New Bolton Center by a House Officer. The Iams Company Award for Excellence by a Resident in the Department of Clinical Studies, Philadelphia was presented to Dr. Patricia Walters and Dr. Nishi Dhupa. Dr. Robin Pullen, intern, received The Jules and Lucy Silver Animal Bedside Manner Award. The Residents’ Award for Outstanding Teaching by a Faculty Member was presented to Dr. Robert Washabau, assistant professor of medicine. Dr. Nishi Dhupa received the Interns’ Mentor Award.

The Veterinary Medical Student Government Teaching Awards were presented. Dr. Peter Dodson, professor of anatomy, received the Class of 1996 Award; Dr. James Lok, associate professor of parasitology, received the Class of 1995 Award; Dr. Charles Reil, professor of radiology, received the Class of 1994 Award. The Class of 1993 presented a number of awards: the Faculty Teaching Award was presented to Dr. Lesley King, assistant professor of medicine; the Resident Teaching Award was presented to Dr. Marc Elie; the Intern Teaching Award was presented to Dr. Ruth Darrigrand and Dr. Stephanie Lin; and the Veterinary Technician Teaching Award was presented to Ms. Carla Garcia.