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**Dr. Edward C. Preston, V'37**, received the St. George Episcopal Award, a national recognition of distinguished service by adults in spiritual, physical, mental and moral development of young people. Dr. Preston was nominated for this award by the Boy Scouts of America. He has held continuous membership in Boy Scouts since 1928 and has been active in the organization.

**Dr. Jill Beech** has been promoted to professor of medicine. **Dr. Jonathan Palmer, V'77**, has been promoted to associate professor of medicine and **Dr. Michael Ross** has been promoted to associate professor of surgery, clinical educator. **Dr. John Wolfe, V'82**, has been promoted to associate professor of pathology and **Dr. Linda Keller** has been promoted to research associate professor of avian medicine and pathology.

**Dr. Bruce Madewell, V'70**, was awarded the AVMA's Gaines Award during the AVMA meeting in Minneapolis in July. Dr. Madewell, professor of surgery at the University of California, Davis, School of Veterinary Medicine, was recognized for his broad-based clinical and laboratory studies of naturally occurring cancer in animals.

**Dr. Ferdinand G. Visintainer, V'85**, a commander in the Naval Reserve, assumed command of Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 78 recently. The squadron flies the E-2C Hawkeye aircraft, an aircraft carrier-based radar-equipped plane. In his civilian career Dr. Visintainer owns a veterinary hospital in Orefield, PA.

**Dr. Bruce F. Smith, V'88**, completed his Ph.D. in molecular biology. He was a Kleberg Fellow in Medical Genetics in the School's Section of Medical Genetics. Dr. Smith is now an assistant professor of pathobiology at the Scott-Ritchey Research Center, Auburn University.

**Dr. Meredith L. Snader, V'73**, and **Dr. Deva Kaur Khalsa, V'81**, together with Dr. Sharon L. Willoughby, Dr. Ihor John Basko and Craig Denega are co-authors of *Healing Your Horse*, a book on alternative therapies published by Howell Book House, MacMillan Publishing Company.

**Dr. Sherbyn W. Ostrich, V'63**, announced his candidacy for president-elect of the AVMA at the association's meeting in Minneapolis in July.

**Dr. Howard C. Hughes, V'67**, received the 1993 Charles River Prize at the AVMA meeting. Dr. Hughes was honored for his contributions to the field of laboratory animal medicine.

Three faculty members presented lectures at the 111th Annual Meeting of the PVMA in October: **Dr. Alan Klide, V'65**, associate professor of anesthesia; Dr. James Orsini, associate professor of surgery; and **Dr. Robert Washabau, V'82**, assistant professor of medicine.

**Dr. Steven Kuhlman, V'85**, has been certified a Diplomate of the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine. Dr. Kuhlman is attending veterinarian at the Monsanto Company, St. Louis, MO.

**Dr. Colin Harvey**, professor of surgery and dentistry, **Dr. Paul Orsini**,

staff dentist, **Dr. Eva Sarkiala**, dental resident, **Dr. Jamie Anderson**, and **Ms. Bonnie Flax**, staff dental hygienist, all presented papers and wet-labs at the American Veterinary Dental College-Academy of Veterinary Dentistry 7th Veterinary Dental Forum in Auburn, AL.

Ms. Flax recently attended the American Dental Hygienist Association meeting and has been nominated as the ADHA liaison to veterinary dental groups.

Dr. Harvey and Dr. Sarkiala presented papers at the second European Veterinary Dental Society meeting in Berlin. Dr. Harvey also presented two papers at the World Small Animal Veterinary Congress in Berlin. In June, Dr. Harvey participated with Dr. Peter Emily in a week-long dental course at Sydney University, and was the external examiner for the first Australian College of Veterinary Scientists membership examination for the specialty of veterinary dentistry. In September, he presented papers at the University of Sao Paulo and the annual meeting of Brazilian Small Animal Practitioners. In January he presented a seminar in Osaka, Japan.

**Dr. Larry L. Laster**, associate professor of epidemiology has been appointed chief of the section of epidemiology at VHUP and **Dr. Gary Smith**, associate professor of population biology and epidemiology, has been appointed chief of the section of epidemiology at New Bolton Center. **Dr. Benson Martin, V'80**, assistant professor of equine sports medicine, has been appointed chief of the section of equine sports medicine. **Dr. Sandra Perkowski, V'88**, lecturer in anesthesia, has been named acting chief of the section of anesthesia (VHUP).

**Dr. Donald A. Abt, V'61**, Robert R. Marshak Term Professor of Aquatic



Animal Medicine and Pathology, has been appointed a member of the Advisory Panel of the Office of Technology Assessment assessment of Aquaculture: Food and Renewable Resources from U.S. Waters. The study is being undertaken at the request of the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, and the House Committee on Agriculture and its Subcommittee on Livestock. Dr. Abt was recently elected to serve on the council of the Marine Biological Laboratory Corporation.

**Dr. Roselyn J. Eisenberg**, professor of microbiology, was an invited speaker at the 18th Annual International Herpes Meeting in Pittsburgh in July.

**Dr. Peter J. Hand, V'61**, professor of anatomy, presented an invited talk entitled "Peripheral and Central Activity-Produced Functional Plasticity in the Adult Rat Barrel Cortex" at a symposium on Plasticity in the Somatosensory System which was part of the 32nd International Congress of Physiological Sciences held in Glasgow, Scotland in August.

**Dr. Virginia Pierce, V'87**, vice president for research/Zoo pathologist at the Zoological Society of Philadelphia, will guide a 16-day safari tour to Kenya and Tanzania in February.

**Dr. Mark M. Smith, V'82**, received the 1993 Beecham Award for Research Excellence. He also recently co-authored a textbook entitled *Atlas of Approaches for General Surgery of the Dog and Cat*. Dr. Smith is an associate professor at the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine.

**Dr. David L. Diefenderfer, V'81**, is the recipient of an NIH Physician Scientist Award from the National Institutes of Arthritis, Musculoskeletal, and Skin Diseases. This five-year award supports studies investigating the role of the pericyte as an osteogenic precursor cell. The work will be performed in collaboration with Carl T. Brighton, M.D., Ph.D., director of research of the McKay Laboratories for Orthopaedic Research at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and **Paula Henthorn, Ph.D.**, assistant professor of medical genetics in the Department of Clinical Studies-Philadelphia.

**Dr. Benjamin Wolfe**, professor of microbiology, received a United States Patent for a new immunoassay for the detection of viruses and proteins.

**Dr. Charles Ziegler, V'34**, was honored by the Maryland Veterinary Medical Association and received THE GOOD DOCTOR Award from the organization.

The Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association presented the Dr. A. Wayne Mountain Memorial Media Award to Dr. Brian McDonough of Ch. 29 for his three part series on the School.

**Dr. Wilfried T. Weber**, professor of pathology, recently completed a six-year term of appointment to the Veterinary Immunology Committee (VIC) of the American Association of Immunologists (AAI), chairing the committee for the past two years. VIC is one of the standing committees of the AAI, an organization of more than 4,500 members. The VIC is responsible to the AAI for all issues relating to experimental and domestic animals, and for coordinating activities with other organizations whose goals relate to veterinary immunology. One of the primary purposes of the committee is to foster interaction among immunologists interested in a variety of diverse group and those working in human and rodent immunology.

**Dr. Ilene D. Arnold, V'89**, has been appointed as a veterinary medical officer in Greene, ME, by the Food Safety and Inspection Services of the USDA.

**Katherine B. Choep, V'96**, and her horse Hearsay won the \$5,000 The Oaks/Show Jumping Hall of Fame Amateur-Owner Jumper Classic at the Devon Horse Show in May. This win gave Choep the lead in the Show Jumping Hall of Fame national standings.

**Patricia Khuly, V'95**, served as an AVMA student extern in the AVMA's Washington office. Student externs attend congressional and federal agency hearings, help research legislative and regulatory issues, meet with congressional staff, representatives, and senators and become familiar with the federal legislative process.

**Dr. Leslie Dierauf, V'74**, serves as a temporary staff member of the AVMA Washington office. She also works for the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges, analyzing the feasibility for increased federal funding to academic veterinary medicine.

**Dr. Leon Z. Saunders**, who for many years served as adjunct professor of pathology, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science degree by the University of Guelph.

A NIH grant for the project "Human Strongyloidiasis: Development of an Animal Model" was renewed for another five years. **Dr. Gerhard Schad**, professor of parasitology, is the principal investigator, and **Dr. Gary Smith**, associate professor of population biology and epidemiology, is one of the co-investigators.

## AVMA Honor Roll

The House of Delegates of the AVMA granted honor roll status to the following graduates at the Annual Meeting in Minneapolis in July:

Marvin Alexander, V'46  
Roy D. Bertolet, V'46  
Elwood H. Borger, V'46  
Edward A. Carbrey, V'45  
Peter R. Cebulka, V'51  
Kenneth J. Feldman, V'49  
Camille A. Gardner, V'51  
Robert C. Hammond, V'48  
Carlton R. Hower, V'51

Joseph I. Kline, V'48  
Morton B. Krechmer, V'44  
Eugene A. Martin, V'51  
Victor A. Menghetti, V'45  
Harold C. Neibert, V'51  
Russell A. Nelson, V'47  
Arthur H. Peck, V'50  
Clarence M. Stowe, Jr., V'50  
E. Jack Straley, V'45