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From the Dean

We continue to be indebted to Governor Ridge and the Pennsylvania General Assembly for the extraordinary support they provided to the School's non-preferred



appropriation this year. We received an 7.8% increase from the Commonwealth for a total of \$34.7 million. This figure includes funds for general School operations, Common-

wealth Scholarships for Pennsylvania students, and \$1.7 million earmarked for two specific projects; infectious disease research at New Bolton Center and a linear accelerator to be installed in VHUP. Both initiatives are critical to the School's future.

For infectious disease research, we plan to build additional laboratory space attached to the Myrin Building, thereby expanding the overall research capacity of New Bolton Center. Acquisition of a linear accelerator will provide us with the capacity to do high energy radiation therapy on patients with cancer, particularly cancers in deep tissues of the body. This is a significant advance for the clinical oncology program and development of The Mari Lowe Center for Comparative Oncology. Presently, we have to refer animals that require high energy radiation therapy to facilities that are at least 100 miles away. This is a considerable challenge for many owners since treatment usually requires repeated exposure over a two to three week period.

Another development in progress at New Bolton Center is the construction of a new swine facility. The swine industry is growing in Pennsylvania and the School pledged to increase its capacity

for training students in swine medicine several years ago. Two faculty working in swine medicine were appointed and a small teaching herd was established in an old farrowing unit. The replacement unit provides students with the opportunity to become experienced at herd management, routine health care, nutrition, and the welfare of pigs.

In mid-July we celebrated Charlie Raker's 80th birthday with a party in Allam House. Charlie has been associated with the School since 1938 when he became a freshman student. He gave up his Norristown practice in 1950 to join the faculty. Charlie has made wonderful contributions to the School and to Veterinary Medicine and there were many who came to the birthday party to celebrate his great accomplishments. 🏡

Alan M. Kelly
The Gilbert S. Kahn
Dean of Veterinary Medicine

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Quite a few people at the School had a keen interest in the Grand National, the famous steeplechase race at Aintree, near Liverpool, in Britain. The reason: Papillon, a horse owned by Mrs. Elizabeth Moran was competing. Dean Kelly even placed a bet on the horse.

Papillon did not disappoint Mrs. Moran or Dr. Kelly. The nine-year old gelding won this grueling race by a length and a quarter. He and his rider, Ruby Walsh, cleared all the high fences and obstacles on the 4.4 mile long course. The Grand National race is a hard one for horses and riders. This year, 39 horses started and 17 finished. The others disqualified along the way.

New Bolton Center benefitted mightily from this win as part of Papillon's purse was donated by Betty Moran for the Almira and Hardy Scott Sports Medicine Building. Now this horse too will have a plaque in a New Bolton building, like Mrs. Moran's Belmont and Ameri-



can Jockey Club Gold Cup winner, Creme Fraiche, whose winnings contributed to the nursing station at the Connelly Intensive Care Unit/Graham French Neonatal Section.

Mrs Moran is a well-known breeder of horses and her animals compete under the Brushwood Stable white and pink silks in flat races and steeple chase races on both sides of the Atlantic. She has bred and owned many winners.

Betty Moran is a good friend of New Bolton Center and the School. Some

years ago she established the Mark and Lila Allam Professorship of Surgery, she supported the Widener Hospital for Large Animals and its ICU and the Almira and Hardy Scott Sports Medicine Center. Each September Mrs. Moran hosts the reception and party at the American Gold Cup, a stadium jumping event benefitting the School's hospitals.

Dean Kelly too contributed his winnings to the Sports Medicine Building. 🏡