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Jay Jasan, V'93, Remembered

Roger A. Caras

Roger A. Caras, a member of the School's Board of Overseers since 1980 and an adjunct professor of animal ecology here until 1997, died on February 18, at the age of 72.

Roger Caras played an active role in the affairs of the School. He thought that the interests of veterinarians in the world of animals were too narrow and in an effort to broaden the students' horizons taught a course entitled "Society and Veterinary Medicine" for several years. It was enormously popular and successful. He was the commencement speaker at the graduation exercises in May 1990, and was instrumental in recruiting Jane Goodall to present the commencement address in May 1993. In 1996 the School produced a new video with Roger's resonant voice providing an indelible narrative.

Mr. Caras was the author of more than 70 books about animals and their habitats. His



first, "Antarctica: Land of Frozen Time," was published in 1962. Others included "A Perfect Harmony: The Intertwining Lives of Animals and Humans

Throughout History," "The Bond," a collection of essays about people and their animals, and "A Celebration of Dogs." He had a radio series "Pets and Wildlife" that was heard on CBS. He also had radio programs on NBC and ABC. In 1975 he joined ABC-TV and was for 17 years a special correspondent exclusively assigned to stories about animals, wildlife and the environment.

Mr. Caras served as president of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals from 1991 to 1999. He was the voice of the Westminster Kennel Club dog show at Madison Square Garden where he provided the narrative during group and best-in-show judging.

He was the recipient of an honorary degree, an LL.D., from the School of Veterinary Medicine at the Centennial Convocation on October 15, 1984. He received the Centennial

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A new endowed scholarship has been established at the School of Veterinary Medicine in memory of Jay Jasan, V'93, who died in an airplane crash in 1998. The Jay Jasan Endowed Scholarship Fund has been generously supported by his father, James Jasan, classmates of Jay, and other donors.

According to Mr. Jasan, "Jay was very special to his family and friends. All who knew him recognized the respect and compassion he felt for all living creatures. What separated him from most of us was that he acted on his passions. He supported the causes he believed in with both his money and his time. The goal of this scholarship is to help others with similar passions work toward making this world a better place for all—and in that way Jay's legacy will live on."

The scholarship, which will be awarded for the first-time to a member of the incoming Class of 2005 and is renewable in subsequent years, has been funded to support a student with a similar background to Jay: a second career applicant with atypical interests and an active commitment to community organizations.

According to Dean Alan M. Kelly, "The scholarship is a wonderful tribute to Jay, and



will ensure that his memory remains alive at the School. The generosity of Mr. Jasan and the other donors will also ensure that students with similar qualities to Jay will have the same opportunity as he did to study veterinary medicine at Penn."

To learn more about Jay, visit the web site created in his memory at <www.jayjasan.com>.

Medal in 1990.

At the Centennial Convocation, the citation for Mr. Caras read:

"An outstanding naturalist who has specialized in the study of the social, cultural, and behavioral interactions between animals and society, you have supplied the American public with information and constructive awareness of the animals who share this earth with humankind...."

Saluting you as a brilliant, original man, uniquely important to American society, the Trustees of the University are proud to join your admirers, colleagues and friends both in and outside the homes and classrooms of Pennsylvania, and to recognize you, Roger Andrew Caras, as a humane and sophisticated spokesman for animal welfare with the award of the honorary degree, Doctor of Laws."

He is survived by his wife, Jill Langdon Barclay; daughter, Pamela Caras-Rupert; a son, Dr. Barclay Caras, and four grandchildren.

Kimberly Cullen

Kimberly S. Cullen, who worked as an operating room nurse at New Bolton Center for 12 years, died on April 4, 2001. Kim graduated from Harcum College in 1980 with an associate degree in animal health technology. She came to New Bolton Center in 1986 and worked there until 1998 when she left to help her husband, Kenneth Cullen, V'91, in his private practice. Dr. Cullen has established a scholarship fund in Kim's memory at Harcum College. Contributions can be sent to:

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