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### Class Notes



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### 1937

During the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association's Annual Meeting in September 2000, **J. Robert Brown** was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award in Veterinary Medicine. He was recognized for his continuous excellence and years of dedication to the veterinary profession as a practitioner, officer, humanitarian, and role model to everyone he has been associated with through the years.

### 1948

During the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association's Annual Meeting in September 2000, **Richard H. Detwiler** was elected to serve as the delegate to the American Veterinary Medical Association.

### 1950

During the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association's Annual Meeting in September 2000, **Donald C. Kamsler** was honored with the Public Service Award of Merit for his outstanding and continuous contributions to his community and for setting a shining example of volunteerism for other veterinary practitioners to follow.

### 1951

**John W. Fague** was profiled in the Carlisle, Pa., edition of the *Sunday-Patriot News* of Harrisburg, Pa., in January 2001. The article, "Comrades in hard times," recounted his experiences during World War II's Battle of the Bulge. He is the president of the New Cumberland Valley, Pa., Chapter of the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge. After helping to liberate a Nazi concentration camp, Dr. Fague said "... I realized why we were there, why we had to fight that war, why those sacrifices had to be made."

### 1962

**A. Gary Lavin**, a past president of the American Association of Equine Practitioners, was honored along with three other AAEP past presidents for their lifetime of service to the thoroughbred industry by the Kentucky Association of Equine Practitioners in September 2000.

### 1970

During the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association's Annual Meeting in September 2000, **John I. Enck, Jr.**, was elected vice-president. He was also honored with the Distinguished Veterinary Service Award for his constant commitment to the PVMA and the veterinary profession through his leading role as director of the Bureau of Animal Health and Diagnostic Services, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

### 1972

**Peter J. Ihrke** served as president of the Fourth World Congress of Veterinary Dermatology, held from August 30 to September 2, 2000, in San Francisco. He was elected in 2000 to a two-year term as president of the American College of Veterinary Dermatology. Dr. Ihrke is a professor of dermatology and chief of service, dermatology, at the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital at the University of California, Davis, School of Veterinary Medicine.

### 1973

**Douglas F. Antczak**, the director of the James A. Baker Institute for Animal Health at the College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University, was the recipient of the 2000-01 Distinguished Veterinary Immunologist Award from the American Association of Veterinary Immunologists. The award recognizes individuals with an outstanding record of contribution to veterinary immunology.

### 1978

**Cynthia D. Bossart** and two other Florida breeders have donated Texas A&M University's newest mascot, Reveille VII, a collie. The mascot, whose history goes back to 1931, received its nickname when the first mascot was injured in an accident and responded when the school's bugler sounded reveille. In February 2001, a Texas A&M delegation headed by its president traveled to Florida to accept the new mascot and escort it back to campus. The breeders accompanied Rev on the trip and participated in introductory ceremonies at a basketball game where they were thanked for their generosity. According to the president, "We have every confidence that Reveille VII will be a great representative for Texas A&M."

### 1979

During the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association's Annual Meeting in September 2000, **James R. Rummel** was elected president-elect. He is a partner and hospital administrator of Camboro Veterinary Hospital in Edinboro, Pa.

### 1981

**Michael I. Kotlikoff** was appointed professor of physiology and chairman of the Department of Biomedical Sciences at the College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University effective July 1, 2000.

### 1982

During the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association's Annual Meeting in September 2000, **Mark B. Guise** was elected president. He and his father, **Richard C. Guise, V<sup>44</sup>**, who served as president from 1961-62, are the first father-son pair to hold the office.

**David R. Wolfgang** has been board-certified in dairy practice by the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners. Dr. Wolfgang is the field studies director in the Veterinary Science Extension of the Department of Veterinary Science in the College of Agricultural Sciences at The Pennsylvania State University, in University Park, Pa.

### 1984

During the Delaware Veterinary Medical Association's Annual Meeting in December 2000, **Kim A. Herrman** was named Veterinarian of the Year in recognition of her service to the association.

**Alice S. Weiss** is a regular contributor to the KidsPost section of *The Washington Post*. She also leads "Pet Talk," monthly online discussions concerning pet topics on the paper's web site.

### 1985

**Charles E. Rupprecht** is the chief of the Rabies Section at the National Center for Infectious Diseases of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Ga.

**James A. Thomson** is an assistant professor in the Department of Anatomy at the

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University of Wisconsin School of Medicine in Madison, Wis. Dr. Thomson leads a team of scientists that in 1998 was the first to derive and culture human embryonic stem cells. His group is now actively pursuing collaborations with clinical scientists and transplant surgeons to perform the basic research needed to ultimately develop human embryonic cell-based therapies.

**Cynthia L. Willard-Mack** is studying to become board-certified in pathology.

### 1986

**Kenneth D. Dazen** has been board-certified in avian practice by the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners. Dr. Dazen practices at The Animal & Bird Health Care Center in Cherry Hill, N.J.

### 1989

**Diane T. Deresienski** has been board-certified in canine/feline practice by the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners. Dr. Deresienski practices in Raleigh, N.C.

### 1991

**Cindy Ellen Fishman** has been board-certified as a veterinary anatomic pathologist by the American College of Veterinary Pathologists.

In late January 2001, **Heidi B. Stout**, director of oil programs for Tri-State Bird Rescue & Research of Newark, Del., went to the Galapagos Islands to join an international team of experts to help wildlife affected by a devastating oil spill there. "It's a very sensitive population," Dr. Stout said in an article that appeared at the time in the *Wilmington News-Journal* of Wilmington, Del. "There are populations of

animals that exist there that exist nowhere else in the world."

**Lisa Suslak-Brown** has been board-certified by the American College of Veterinary Radiology.

### 1992

**Roy P. E. Yanong** visited the School of Veterinary Medicine and spoke to members of the Special Species Club in April 2001. Dr. Yanong is an assistant professor in the University of Florida/Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences' Tropical Aquaculture Laboratory in Ruskin, Fla. The laboratory provides extensive research and educational opportunities for Florida's ornamental fish industry.

### 1993

**Gail D. Mackey** has been board-certified in canine/feline practice by the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners. Dr. Mackey practices in Raleigh, N.C.

### 1994

During the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association's Annual Meeting in September 2000, **Lisa A. Knox** was honored with the Dr. A. Wayne Mountan (V'51) Memorial Media Award for her newspaper column, "The Pet Vet," which appears bi-weekly in the *Lancaster New Era* of Lancaster, Pa.

### 1996

**Robert C. McLear** has been board-certified by the American College of Veterinary Radiology.

### 1997

**Amy I. Bentz** is serving as an intern for the spring 2001 in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at New Bolton Center's George D. Widener Hospital for Large Animals.

**E. Scott Weber** has been appointed the animal health services manager at the New Jersey State Aquarium in Camden, N.J.

### 1999

**Suzanne M. Donahue** will be serving as a resident for 2001-02 in Critical Care/Emergency Service at VHUP.

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Jennifer A. Smelstoys will be serving as a resident for 2001-02 in Surgery at VHUP.

### 2000

Benjamin M. Brainard will be serving as a resident for 2001-02 in Critical Care/Anesthesia at VHUP.

Kimberly B. Hammer will be serving as a resident for 2001-02 in Internal Medicine at VHUP.

Beth Overley will be serving as a resident for 2001-02 in Medical Oncology at VHUP.

Tara K. Trotman will be serving as an intern for 2001-02 at VHUP.

Staci P. Wiemelt will be serving as a resident for 2001-02 in Dermatology at VHUP.

### 2001

Samantha Murray, Heidi Phillips, and Robert W. Richardson will be serving as interns for 2001-02 at VHUP.

## Deaths

### 1928

Claude W. Miller died on September 11, 2000.

### 1933

Ernest L. Stearly died on August 15, 2000.

### 1936

Morris L. Ziskind died on January 22, 2001.

### 1938

Irving G. Cashell died on November 8, 2000.

### 1941

Edwin A. Churchill, Boca Raton, Fla., a retired veterinarian who established the Spennock Equine Clinic in Chesapeake City, Md.; November 29, 2000. He treated the horses of

## V.M.D. Announcements

Congratulations to **Harry L. Apfelbaum, V'79**, the winner of the raffle at the 2001 Penn Annual Conference for free registration at the 2002 conference.



For those of you who attended the **2001 Western Veterinary Conference** and were looking for the Penn alumni reception, please accept our apologies. While the Class of 1976 held its 25th Reunion at the conference, the Vet School did not host an alumni reception. Due to a misunderstanding between the School and the conference staff, an alumni reception was erroneously listed in the program.



Do you know that the **Agriculture Education Loan Forgiveness Program** helps agriculture and veterinary medicine graduates repay their student loans when they return

to help operate a family farm or practice veterinary medicine that includes agricultural animals in Pennsylvania? The program will forgive (repay) up to \$2,000 per year of Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency-guaranteed student loans for each year that the borrower practices veterinary medicine or is employed full-time in the operation of a family farm or a family farm corporation. The law limits borrowers to a lifetime maximum of \$10,000 in loan forgiveness payments.

Applicants must hold a degree in a field related to the production of agricultural products or veterinary medicine from a Pennsylvania school or college. They must be in their first year of full-time employment or work in the field on or after July 1, 1991. For more information or an application, call PHEAA at (717) 720-2800 or visit their web site at <[www.pheaa.org/borrowers/b2.shtml](http://www.pheaa.org/borrowers/b2.shtml)>.

competitors on the U.S. and Canadian Olympic equestrian teams. Specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of lameness, his innovative approach to equine joint surgery gained him international recognition, and his research led to new techniques in the rehabilitation of racehorses. Dr. Churchill was a founding member of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons and a founding member and past president of the American Association of Equine Practitioners. He was a former director of the Large Animal Clinic and head of surgery at Penn's School of Veterinary Medicine. (From the March/April 2001 issue of *The Pennsylvania Gazette*).

### 1944

**Morton Ben Zion Krechmer** died on November 7, 2000.

**Lt. Col. John L. Terry, Jr.**, died on August 17, 2000.

### 1951

**Carlton R. Hower** died on August 15, 2000.

### 1952

**David G. Fridirici** died on December 2, 2000.

### 1955

**Robert W. Graham** died on October 10, 2000.

### 1967

**Robert W. Brown** died on November 3, 2000.

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