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A major milestone in women's rights and progress will be observed this fall when the University of Pennsylvania celebrates 125 years of educating women. This represented a break with the tradition of attendance restricted only to males, which had been in existence for 136 years. It also was an extension of Penn founder Benjamin Franklin's feeling that education needed to be encouraged without regard to gender.

To commemorate this historic event, a celebration will be held November 1-2 and will include a ceremony honoring women "firsts" at the University; a talk by NBC Chief Foreign Affairs Correspondent and Penn trustee Andrea Mitchell; panel discussions, and a book signing and party for Penn women authors.

In addition, the existing Class of 1949 Bridge across 38th Street and its approach has received a major refurbishing to create a Women's Walkway and Generational Bridge recognizing Penn families. More information on the event, including a complete schedule, is available online at <[www.alumni.upenn.edu/celebratwomen](http://www.alumni.upenn.edu/celebratwomen)>.



**Philadelphia-area veterinarians** are asked to be alert to a rash of armed robberies at veterinarian offices this summer. The offices are being targeted for Ketamine, an animal anesthetic that, when mixed with sugar, becomes the designer drug Special K and is often sold at "rave" parties. As of late July, two of the three robbery suspects have been arrested by the Philadelphia Police Department.

According to the National Crime Prevention Council, if a robber confronts you, cooperate. Merchandise and cash can always be replaced—people can't! For crime prevention tips for small businesses, visit the NCPC web site at <[www.ncpc.org/1smbus.htm](http://www.ncpc.org/1smbus.htm)>.



Recent Penn graduates working in the Empire State are encouraged to participate in the **New York State Veterinary Medical Society's (NYSVMS) Mentor Program**, which helps to ease the transition from student life to professional life by providing new veterinarians with a mentor. Mentors act as sounding boards and offer practical advice about handling the challenges that face new veterinarians.

Mentors can also help to integrate young

veterinarians into the larger veterinary community by joining them at regional meetings, introducing them to colleagues, answering questions, helping them to access information, etc. The mentoring may take whatever form works best for the pair — meetings, telephone conversations, e-mail, etc.

The Mentor Program has a circle of members excited about being a mentor. If you're interested in talking with a colleague or would just like to meet an area colleague at a regional meeting, please contact the NYSVMS at (518) 437-0787, toll-free at (800) 876-9867, or via e-mail at <[NYSVMS@albany.net](mailto:NYSVMS@albany.net)>.

## Alumni Connections

### To find a former classmate and to sign-up for a permanent e-mail forwarding service:

Join the University of Pennsylvania Alumni On-Line Community for free at <[www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/UPN](http://www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/UPN)>. After you register, you can search the On-Line Directory, which is a great resource for personal and professional networking and an easy way to keep up-to-date on fellow alumni. You can also sign-up for a permanent e-mail forwarding service, which will forward messages received at your permanent Penn address to the e-mail address of your choice.

### To update your alumni record:

You can update your record via the University of Pennsylvania Alumni On-Line Community On-Line Directory. You may also contact Elizabeth McNamara at (215) 898-1481 or via e-mail at <[emcnamar@vet.upenn.edu](mailto:emcnamar@vet.upenn.edu)>.

### To make a gift or for information on supporting the School of Veterinary Medicine:

Make a gift with your credit card through a secure online transaction at <[www.upenn.edu/gifts](http://www.upenn.edu/gifts)>. For information on supporting the School, visit the Alumni & Friends web site at <<http://alumni.vet.upenn.edu>> or contact Joshua E. Liss at (215) 898-1481 or via e-mail at <[lissj@vet.upenn.edu](mailto:lissj@vet.upenn.edu)>.

### To request a transcript and/or proof of graduation:

For information on requesting a transcript, visit the Office of the University Registrar's web site at <[www.upenn.edu/registrar/trans.html](http://www.upenn.edu/registrar/trans.html)> or call (215) 898-7511. For information on requesting a certification of graduation, which does not require a transcript, contact the School's Office of Student & Curricular Affairs at (215) 898-3525 or via e-mail at <[student-affairs@vet.upenn.edu](mailto:student-affairs@vet.upenn.edu)>.

### To obtain a Penn Alumni Card:

The Penn Alumni Card offers a myriad of benefits, including access to the Penn Libraries. The charge for the card, which is valid for 10 years, is only \$20. Alumni Cards are issued at the PennCard Center, which is located in the Franklin Building at 3451 Walnut Street. In order to receive the card, alumni are asked to show a form of photo identification (a valid driver's license, passport, etc.) and complete an Alumni Card Request Form. It then takes only a few minutes to take a photo of the alumnus/alumna and for them to receive their Alumni Card. As an added convenience, alumni can also obtain an Alumni Card by mail. For more information or to download a request form, visit the "Obtaining a PennCard" web page at <[www.upenn.edu/penncard/obtaining.html](http://www.upenn.edu/penncard/obtaining.html)>.

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Alumni are invited to attend a presentation, "Survival Tactics for a Chaotic Millennium" by Dr. Gerry Snyder, on Saturday, Nov. 10, 2001, from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. in the E.R. Marookian, V.M.D. Auditorium at VHUP. The presentation is sponsored by the Veterinary Business Management Association of the

University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine and Hill's Pet Nutrition, Inc. For more information, contact Bill Culp, V'04, at (215) 805-0059 or via e-mail at <wculp@mail.vet.upenn.edu>.

## Library Services for Alumni

### Electronic Resources

Alumni may use Franklin, the Library's online catalog, NLM's PubMed (MEDLINE) database, and a free version of the USDA's Agricola database. These are available both in the library and remotely from your home or office. PubMed is available directly from NLM at the following web address: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi>

The USDA's Agricola database is available at <http://www.nalusda.gov/ag98/>

In addition, the Penn Library has made an Alumni portal to our web site which provides links to many more electronic resources, including books, journals, and databases. Please visit this web site at <http://www.library.upenn.edu/portal/> to access Franklin and much more. To view a list of the library's new books, click "Franklin," then click "new books."

### Borrowing Privileges

Alumni who want to borrow materials from the Penn Libraries' collections may apply for courtesy borrowing privileges at the special alumni rate of \$200 per year. The Penn Alumni Card must be presented upon application for courtesy borrowing privileges. Application for courtesy borrowing should be made Monday through Friday to the Van Pelt Circulation Department. Call (215) 898-7566 for more information.

### Reference

Alumni may use the collections for their information needs on weekdays, 9 AM to 5PM. A librarian is on duty between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM weekdays. An appointment is recommended if you anticipate needing librarian assistance. For reference service please call (215) 898-8874.

## VMD/DVM Employment Opportunities

Prospective employers with job openings available for veterinary associates may now post employment opportunities on-line, and veterinary associates seeking positions may view them at: <http://www.vet.upenn.edu/StudentResources/Employment/>

Only listings requiring a graduate degree in veterinary medicine (VMD or DVM) will be posted. As opportunities for technicians/office personnel will not be advertised, we suggest you contact the classified section of *Veterinary Technician* magazine <<http://www.vetclassifieds.com>>.

Job listings will be posted on-line after being reviewed by the Office of Student Affairs. Prospective employers may be contacted by the Office of Student Affairs for verification of information. Listings will remain active and accessible for 6 months.

Beginning August 15, 2001, paper opportunities will not be accepted. The paper version of the job book will remain available to potential applicants until November 1, 2001.

If you are seeking employment or have a position available, please use our on-line "Employment Board." We hope you find this on-line employment opportunities web site helpful.

## Scholarships

The Salisbury Scholarships were awarded to **Amy Faulls, V'02**, **Heather Lyons, V'02**, **Brian Young, V'02**, **Shari Silverman, V'02**, and **Karen Oberthaler, V'02**. The Lois F. Fairchild Scholarship in Veterinary Public Service was awarded to **Jennifer Jones, V'03**. **Jill Compton, V'04** received the Harry B. Roshon Dean's Scholarship. The New York Farmers Dean's Scholarships were awarded to **Tracy Filler, V'02**, **Siobhan Haney, V'04**, and **Holly Edwards, V'04**. The J. Maxwell Moran, Sr. Dean's Scholarships were given to **Karen Mondzeit, V'04**, **David Bessler, V'03**, **Megan Julian, V'02**, **Danalyn Dess, V'02**, and **Julia Lane, V'03**. **Raul Casas-Dolz, V'04** received the Dr. John Baxter Taylor Dean's Scholarship. **Scott Gellman, V'04**, **Jennifer Gschwend, V'02**, **Sherry Cokefair, V'02** and **Simon Alexander, V'04** each were awarded a Samuel T. and Emily Rawnsley Dean's Scholarship. The Ethel G. and Allen H. Carruth Dean's Scholarships were given to **Christa Regan, V'04** and **Erik Herrema, V'03**. The Henry S. McNeil, Jr. Dean's Scholarship was awarded to **Holly Connolly, V'03**. **Michael Cohen, V'02** received the Hill's Pet Products Dean's Scholarship. **Amy Hancock, V'02** and **Meredith Daly, V'03** were awarded The Bruce J. Heim Dean's Scholarships. The Dr. Josephine M. Deubler Dean's Scholarship was awarded to **Sara Langsam, V'02**, **Anna Skope, V'03**, **David Kersten, V'03**, and **Sarah D'Oench, V'02** received The Mrs. Jack L. Billhardt Dean's Scholarships. The Charles S. and Phyllis H. Wolf Dean's Scholarships were awarded to **Johanna Briscoe, V'02**, and **Emily Kupprion, V'02**. **Jeff Luetke, V'02**, **Kathy Heym, V'04**, and **Danielle Springer, V'02** were awarded The Anne Linn White Dean's Scholarships. **Erin Mairs, V'02** received the Pfizer Animal Health Scholarship and the The American Kennel Club Scholarship. **Nathan Harvey, V'03** was awarded scholarships from Maine Veterinary Medical Association and the Veterinary Scholarship Trust of New England. The Dog Writers' Educational Trust awarded a scholarship to **Heather R. Jones, V'02**.