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## 1965

**Charles J. Driben's** son, Ian, is a member of the Vet School's Class of 2005.

## 1967

Michigan Governor John Engler reappointed **Patricia A. O'Handley**, associate professor of small animal medicine at the Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine, to the Michigan Controlled Substances Advisory Commission in 2001. She represents the Michigan Board of Veterinary Medicine, of which she is a member, on the Commission, which monitors indicators of controlled substance abuse and diversion and recommends actions to address identified problems of abuse and diversion. Dr. O'Handley also serves on the City of East Lansing, Mich., Commission on Housing.

## 1968

In December 2001, the U.S. Department of Agriculture appointed **H. Wesley Towers, Jr.**, to a two-year term on its Foreign Animal and Poultry Diseases Advisory Committee. The Committee will advise the USDA on the most effective and efficient disease control plans and policies to effectively prevent the introduction of foreign diseases and eliminate any that should develop in the United States. Dr. Towers is also a member of the National Animal Health Emergency Management System Steering Committee, which is a joint state-federal-

industry effort to improve the United States' ability to deal successfully with animal health emergencies

## 1969

In the February 25, 2002, issue of *New York* magazine, **Arnold S. Lesser** was named a "Best Vet" for surgery. Dr. Lesser practices at Ultravet Diagnostics in Mineola, N.Y. He specializes in treating growth deformities in dogs.

## 1970

**Steven E. Weisbrode**, immediate past president of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists (ACVP), was recognized for his service to the ACVP during its annual meeting in December 2001. Dr. Weisbrode is a professor of veterinary pathology at The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

## 1971

**Robert B. Alexander's** daughter, Kimberly, is a member of the Vet School's Class of 2005.

**W. Southard Jones, Jr.'s** son, Luke, is a member of the Vet School's Class of 2005. Dr. Jones' daughter, Courtney, graduated from the Vet School in 1999.

## 1972

After 26-years at Angell Memorial Hospital in Boston, the last 13-years as chief of staff, **Paul C. Gambardella** has taken a new position as director of Oredell Animal Hospital in Paramus, N.J.

## 1975

**Frank C. Moll's** daughter, Jennifer, is a member of the Vet School's Class of 2005.

## 1978

**Linda Rhodes** has recently founded a consulting company called AlcheraBio, which works with companies worldwide that have new technologies in development for human health, and helps them identify how those technologies can also benefit animals. AlcheraBio then works with the companies to bring their new technologies to market, either through licensing or additional development work. After graduating from Penn, Dr. Rhodes

worked in clinical dairy cattle practice, followed by earning her Ph.D. in physiology at Cornell University, and a post-doc in yeast genetics. She has spent over 15-years in the pharmaceutical industry in both human and animal drug discovery and development.

## 1979

In August 2001, **Amy R. Marder** joined the Animal Rescue League of Boston as Director of Behavioral Services. Dr. Marder also has a private practice, New England Veterinary Behavior Associates, in Lexington, Mass., which is limited to companion animal behavior.

## 1983

**Steven J. Berkowitz** was profiled in the February 2002 issue of *The Horse of Delaware Valley* for coming to the aid of a horse pulling an Amish buggy that was hit by a car in Lancaster, Pa., on Christmas Day 2001. Dr. Berkowitz practices at Unionville Equine Associates in Oxford, Pa.

## 1984

In the February 25, 2002, issue of *New York* magazine, **Amy J. Kantor** was named a "Best Vet" for surgery. Dr. Kantor practices at West Chelsea Veterinary Hospital in New York City. She specializes in orthopedic and soft-tissue surgery.

## 1990

**Lauren R. Brinster** is a new diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists.

**Michelle G. Schessler** has been board-certified in canine/feline practice by the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners. Dr. Schessler practices at Allegheny South Veterinary Services in Bridgeville, Pa.

## 1991

**Ruth Sullivan** is a new diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists. Dr. Sullivan is a scientist in the Department of Pathobiological Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine.

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## 1992

**Bradford G. Bentz** has been board-certified in equine practice by the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners. Dr. Bentz is an assistant professor of equine internal medicine at the Oklahoma State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

**Lowell T. Midla** has recently been appointed by The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine as a clinical assistant professor in its food animal ambulatory program. According to Dr. Midla, he looks forward to “[giving] the students a quality background in food animal medicine and surgery” in his new position. Dr. Midla and his wife, **Joanne Wampler Midla, V’91**, have two daughters, aged four and two.

## 1995

During the Delaware Veterinary Medical Association’s annual meeting in December 2001, **Mary A. Bryant** was honored with the Veterinarian of the Year Award. She is Delaware’s alternative delegate to the American Veterinary Medical Association. A board member of the Delaware VMA since 1996, Dr. Bryant is also a member of the National Commission on Veterinary Economic Issues task force on gender issues.

## 1996

**Bridgette S. Jablonsky** was profiled in the March 31, 2002, edition of *The Evening Sun* of Hanover, Pa. Dr. Jablonsky is the manager of Hanover Shoe Farms, the largest Standardbred breeding farm in North America. She supervises more than 60 employees and the care of seven stallions and 510 broodmares. According to Dr. Jablonsky, “I love my job. I love going to work every single day.”

## 1998

**Thomas N. Garg’s** brother, Christopher, is a member of the Vet School’s Class of 2005.

In the March 15, 2002, issue of the *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association*, **Bethany J. Grohs**, a member of the Environmental Protection Agency’s Environmental

Response Team, was interviewed about the task force she served on during the cleanup effort when anthrax-tainted mail closed offices on Capitol Hill last fall. Dr. Grohs was interviewed several times about the cleanup efforts on CNN’s *NewsNight with Aaron Brown*. After the September 11 terrorist attacks, she also served for a time at Ground Zero with the Environmental Response Team. According to Dr. Grohs, “Throughout the response to terrorism, veterinarians have brought a lot to the table when decisions are being made. Veterinarians speak the medical language and are skilled at communicating scientific issues but are also very approachable and trusted, which makes them a valuable resource.”

In the February 25, 2002, issue of *New York* magazine, **Heather Peikes** was named a “Best Vet” for dermatology/allergies. Dr. Peikes practices at Veterinary Internal Medicine and Allergy Specialists in New York City. She is the only board-certified dermatologist currently practicing in Manhattan.

## Deaths

### 1931

Roy D. Hoffman on January 28, 2002.

### 1942

Col. William E. Rothe on December 28, 2001.

### 1943

Lee W. Derrer on December 23, 2001.  
F. Murray Jobst on January 19, 2002.  
H. Glenn Ricker in 2001.

### 1945

Jack Krauss on November 16, 2001.

### 1947

Robert R. Monahan on December 9, 2001.

### 1949

Arnold R. Gilman on March 28, 2002.

### 1952

Warren A. Evans on March 8, 2002.

## 1959

George A. Keck on March 22, 2002.

## 1960

C. Spencer Streett on December 20, 2001.

## 1965

Raymond E. Kenny on November 30, 2001.

## 1966

Ronald C. Farrell on January 19, 2001.



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