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## Bernice Barbour Foundation Scholarship

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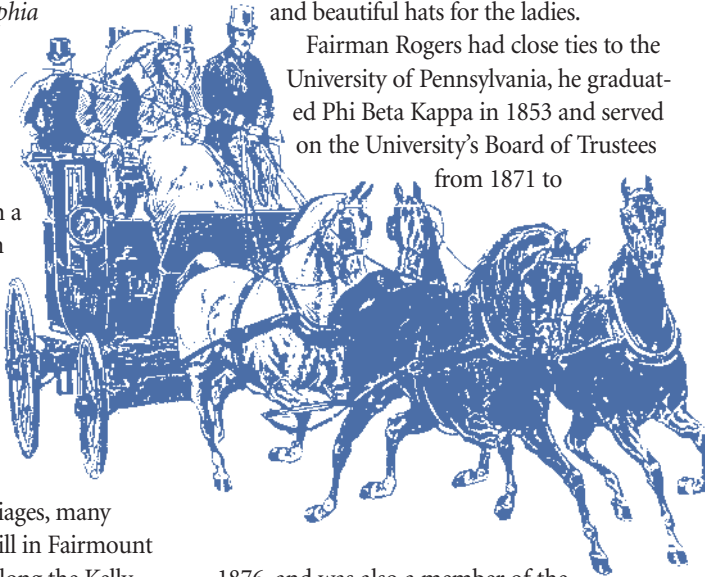
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# Carriage Drive and Gala

Carriage buffs will come to the Philadelphia area the weekend of June 13, 14 and 15 for drives and a gala sponsored by *A Weekend in Old Saratoga*, a group of carriage enthusiasts that has raised funds for a number of causes. This year, instead of going to Saratoga, N.Y., the group has decided to come to Philadelphia for *A Weekend in Old Philadelphia* and focus the fund raising efforts on two area institutions, New Bolton Center and the Devon Horse Show Foundation.

The weekend kicks off with a country drive and luncheon in the Radnor Hunt area on June 13. Saturday, June 14, “An Afternoon in the Park,” the famous Thomas Eakins painting of Fairman Rogers driving his four-in-hand comes to life in Fairmount Park in Philadelphia. The carriages, many antique, assemble at Lemon Hill in Fairmount Park for a drive at 10:30 a.m. along the Kelly Drive to the Falls Bride. The carriages will cross the Schuylkill River here and return through the western part of the park to Center City and



back to Lemon Hill by 3:30 p.m. The First City Troop, the nation's oldest cavalry unit, will accompany the carriages. It is splendid opportunity to see yesteryear's transportation – superb horses and beautiful carriages – driven and occupied by people in their “Sunday best” which includes top hats for the gentlemen and beautiful hats for the ladies.

Fairman Rogers had close ties to the University of Pennsylvania, he graduated Phi Beta Kappa in 1853 and served on the University's Board of Trustees from 1871 to

1876, and was also a member of the special trustees committee that recommended the establishment of a veterinary department in 1884. As an accomplished horseman and

“whip,” he was the first to introduce four-in-hand driving as a pastime in Philadelphia. Mr. Rogers wrote the *Manual of Coaching* in the years before his death – a work that has become a classic in its field. He donated a unique collection of books, pamphlets and periodicals to the University, known as The Fairman Rogers Collection on the Horse and Equitation, that now resides in the rare book collection of the Van Pelt Library.

Saturday evening, festivities continue at “Ardrossan,” the estate that provided the inspiration for the movie “Philadelphia Story.” A black tie gala, “The Philadelphia Story,” will be held. A spectacular dinner dance and a silent auction round out the evening. On Sunday, June 15, the weekend concludes with another carriage drive in the area near Devon.

*A Weekend in Old Saratoga* is a charitable organization devoted to fund raising through carriage drives and gala events. During recent years, the group has raised more than \$750,000 for New Bolton Center. This has resulted in increased facilities and equipment for the treatment of equine patients.

For more information on the carriage drives and the gala, please contact Pat Hall at 610.444.5800, ext. 2500 or <phall@vet.upenn.edu>

## Bernice Barbour Foundation Scholarship

The Bernice Barbour Foundation has awarded a full tuition and living expenses scholarship to **Amanda Parton, V'06**. This scholarship, which also includes funding during an internship after graduation, is the largest ever received by a student at the School.

The Bernice Barbour Foundation was established in 1986 by the late Bernice Babour who, throughout her life, devoted much of her thought, energy and resources toward making the lives of animals happier and healthier. The Foundation has supported projects involving animals ranging from marine mammals to birds and burros. The scholarship at Penn is the third at a veterinary school.

Amanda Parton, since childhood, wanted to be a veterinarian. She graduated with honors from Lafayette College in 1998 and worked for three years for Merck and Co., Inc. in vaccine operations. While in college and at Merck, Amanda volunteered at veterinary hospitals.

Now, in addition to her heavy course load,

she still finds time to work as a nursing assistant at the School's Ryan Veterinary Hospital. She is also active in various student organizations. Amanda is very intrigued by the interaction between people and animals. Specifically, she is interested in search and rescue animals, and animal therapy for Alzheimer's patients and the disabled. Ultimately, her goal is to pursue a residency and board certification in a specialty area of veterinary medicine.

“I am in awe of the generosity of the Bernice Barbour Foundation. The financial burden of veterinary school is quite stressful. This scholarship will allow me to focus even more on my education and will open new doors of opportunity as the financial burden has been lifted. So far, my experience at Penn has been amazing. I look forward to the future



**Amanda Parton and Riley and Bear, two members of the Pennsylvania Task Force-1 Urban Search and Rescue Team.**

and the chance to take full advantage of this gift from the Bernice Barbour Foundation as I follow my dream.”