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Message From the President of the Veterinary Medical Alumni Society

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President's Message

Want to invest \$25 to earn \$1.5 million in less than six months...Interested? Read this article!

Kresge Challenge

Here are the facts: the Veterinary School will receive a gift from the Kresge Foundation in the sum of \$1.5 million dollars. One of the requirements of this gift is 2,000 new donors—period. The contribution can be as small as \$25. If you have given already, support a different School fund. It counts again. The scholarship fund, the Dean's fund, Friends of New Bolton Center Fund, The Friends of the Ryan Hospital Fund, or a favorite teacher's research fund—they all count.

If you haven't given before, *why not now?* If finances are a problem, what better time to make a meaningful contribution that is not a financial strain? A solicitation stand in your office is another source of names and numbers that really count. Look at this selfishly; your School was and is a source of prestige to you. This \$1.5-million grant will provide an opportunity to improve and maintain this status. Your source of new veterinarians will frequently be Penn-trained graduates. Kresge's \$1.5-million gift will enhance their training. Your referral center and consultation source will only be enhanced. There is nothing but dividends to be gained by your contributions. If we fall short of the 2,000 donors, we lose the entire \$1.5 million. Think about it; give if you can.



James V. Stewart, V'68, President, Veterinary Medical Alumni Society

Penn Annual Conference

The Penn Annual Conference was very much a success both with location and quality of speakers. The Wyndham Philadelphia at Franklin Plaza provided a much nicer venue than the Adam's Mark and the location was more centrally located than the old site. There was a shortage of vendor space, but this was because of date conflicts caused by the Adam's Mark late cancellation. We will have all the space we need in 2006 along with superior accommodations relative to the rooms and access to other areas.

Calendar Items

For your planning pleasure please! Mark down these dates:

- **Friday, September 30, 2005**, is our farewell gala for Dean Alan M. Kelly. Details will follow. The dinner will be at New Bolton Center. It will be a sit-down tented affair.

- **Saturday, October 1, 2005**, is Alumni Day with its picnic at the same site. We are pleased to say the carriages that enhanced our picnic last year will be participants again this year. It would be wise to make reservations early. Blocks of rooms have been held at local hotels, but they certainly will be booked early. —James V. Stewart

Veterinary Library Assists Alumni with Research Needs

After graduation, our alumni will surely miss having access to the information resources made available to them as students by the Penn Library. If you find yourself in that situation and need to access to books, journal articles, and databases, the Veterinary Library can help. We would like to keep in contact with the School's alumni, and we offer many services to our graduates. All Veterinary School graduates are welcome to use the below services.

Library Access and Borrowing Privileges

Alumni may access the Veterinary Library on weekdays, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to use the library's print collections (see below for information on electronic resources). An appointment is recommended if you anticipate needing librarian assistance. For reference service, call 215-898-8874.

Alumni who would like to borrow books from Penn's libraries may apply for courtesy borrowing privileges at the special alumni rate of \$200.00 per year. Application for courtesy borrowing should be made Monday through Friday to the Van Pelt Circulation Department. Call 215-898-7566 for more information. The Penn Alumni Card must be presented upon application for courtesy borrowing privileges. The Alumni Card is issued by Alumni Relations, costs \$20, and is valid for ten years. Call the PennCARD ID Center at 215-898-2646 or visit www.upenn.edu/penncard/card/obtain_alumni.html for details and a mail application form.

Veterinary Library Alumni Copy Service

The Library's new Alumni Copy Service provides copies of articles from the Penn Veterinary libraries for a nominal fee.

- The cost and delivery options are as follows:
- \$5.00 per article for the following delivery options: pick-up, mail, or fax.

- \$4.00 per article for Web-delivery. This delivery option requires an Alumni PennCard.

The Library strives to supply the article in one week, not including postal delivery time if sent by mail.

To register for this new copy service and for complete details, please visit www.library.upenn.edu/forms/vet/copyservice/policy.html.

Electronic Resources

Alumni can search the following databases free from any computer with Internet access:

- **Franklin** www.franklin.library.upenn.edu/, the Library's online catalog.
- **PubMed** www.pubmed.gov, the National Library of Medicine's free Medline.
- **Agricola** <http://agricola.nal.usda.gov/>, the USDA's National Agricultural Library Database.

In addition, CAB International offers a special personal subscription rate to veterinarians who wish to search the AnimalScience database. For details, please visit www.animalscience.com and click "subscribe," or call the Veterinary Library at 215-898-8874 and we will send you a brochure. This database is a subset of CAB Abstracts, the primary veterinary database that we advise our current students to use. Previously, this important database was only available through institutional subscriptions.

The Library also provides links to veterinary medicine websites selected by Library staff. For a link to these websites, please visit www.library.upenn.edu/access/alumni/vet.html.

Last, be sure to explore the Penn Library's Alumni Portal at: www.library.upenn.edu/portal/ with other valuable and interesting links.

—Barbara Cavanaugh