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1963

In April 2005, the Mystic Aquarium & Institute for Exploration in Connecticut named **Joseph R. Geraci** executive vice president for programs.

1968

Alan Bachrach, Jr., was recently awarded the prestigious “Henry E. Childers Award” to recognize his sustained and extraordinary contributions to the education of veterinary students at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University. As the founder of Veterinary Ophthalmology of New England, Dr. Bachrach has used his Harvard and Petersham, Mass., clinics for the past 20 years to instruct fourth-year veterinary students seeking additional ophthalmology training. Dr. Bachrach did his internship at Henry Bergh Memorial in New York City, and a fellowship at Angell Memorial Hospital in Boston. He later completed residency training at Ohio State University and distinguished himself as a board-certified specialist. Dr. Bachrach now has an active referral practice in New England, providing ophthalmology care to approximately 800 new patients each year. In addition, he has made numerous contributions to his field in the form of publications, national and international teaching seminars, and widespread consultations.

1976

Scott E. Palmer takes the reins this year as the president of the American Association of Equine Practitioners. His primary goal is to improve educational opportunities.

1978

Karen Young, a Clinical Professor in the Department of Pathobiological Sciences at the University of Wisconsin–Madison School of Veterinary Medicine, has been selected as the campus-wide academic staff recipient of the Chancellor’s Hilldale Award for Excellence in Teaching.

1991

Mark Pykett recently joined Boston Life Sciences, Inc. as executive vice president and chief operating officer. Boston Life Sciences is a biotechnology company engaged in the research and clinical development of novel diagnostic and therapeutic products for central nervous system diseases and cancer.

1995

Douglas Thamm recently joined the Colorado State University College of Veterinary Medicine and Biological Sciences as an assistant professor in oncology in the Department of Clinical Sciences.

Dr. Thamm’s clinical interests include novel biological therapeutics for cancer. His research interests include tyrosine kinase signaling in animal cancer cells, and validation of biomarkers for novel therapeutics.

WEDDINGS

1998

Heather Peikes, owner of the Animal Allergy and Dermatology clinic in Manhattan, was married to Jason Stuart Kirschner, a television art director, on December 18, 2004 in New York City.

BIRTHS

1990

Michael Moyers, a daughter, Laura Joan Moyer, on March 31, 2005.

DEATHS

1934

Charles G. Ziegler on February 22, 2005.

1939

E. Barclay Rile on July 26, 2004.

Harry J. Robertson on April 7, 2005.

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Obituaries

On March 26, 2005, the School lost a dear friend and colleague, **Richard A. McFeely, V'61**, M. Med. Sci. (Ob/Gyn) to complications following knee-replacement surgery.

Dick McFeely came to the School as a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, a distinction in which he took great pride for the rest of his life. He graduated in 1961 and, after a brief stint in private practice, was accepted as a post-doctoral fellow in the School's King

Ranch Laboratory of Reproductive Physiology, then located in Center City Philadelphia. This was followed by a Masters degree program in obstetrics and gynecology at the University's Graduate School of Medicine. Though Dick was the only veterinarian in the Ob/Gyn program (the others were all physicians), he ranked first in his class at the end of the course of study in 1967.

In 1966, Dick joined the faculty as assistant professor of clinical reproduction, became chief of the Section of Reproduction at New Bolton Center in 1968, and was promoted to professor of reproduction in 1975. Under Dick's leadership, the Section of Reproduction at NBC grew to great distinction and acquired worldwide recognition. His research interest was in cytogenetics. Working with **Dr. Doug Hare**, professor of anatomy, he made many important discoveries involving chromosomal disorders in domestic animals. These findings were recorded in more than 30 publications, many of which are the most prestigious journals of science.

Dick McFeely was known as an outstanding teacher with a great interest in student affairs. He was uniformly loved by students for his humor



and encouragement; he was recognized for this in 1977 when he was awarded the Norden Award for Distinguished Teaching. Dick was also active in the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association (PVMA) and was named "Veterinarian of the Year" in 1977. He went on to become president of the PVMA in 1983.

From 1976 to 1987, Dick served as associate dean for New Bolton Center. His generous, optimistic, and jovial spirit enabled Dick to fill this role eminently, and New Bolton Center became a better place as a result of his qualities of leadership. These collegial qualities persist and are Dick's most important legacy at the School. He is remembered everywhere with great fondness, especially among the faculty and staff at New Bolton Center.

In 1995, Dick retired and moved to Chestertown, Md., where he became executive director of the Chester Valley Community Mediation Service. He is survived by his wife, Lynne; three children, Karen M. Weaver, Timothy McFeely, and Richard McFeely Jr.; and five grandchildren.

Dana Frederick, V'99, died on Easter Sunday, March 27, 2005, in Asheville, North Carolina. After a five-year battle with polymyositis, at the



age of 33, Dana could no longer fight. After graduation, Dana practiced in Alexandria, Va., to be near her sister, Nicole. As her disease progressed and she became weaker, she moved to Florida to live with her mother. It was in these five years that Dana Frederick became a hero and an inspiration. From the time that Dana became ill, she

would send e-mails updating her friends of her condition. These notes were never full of sorrow, self-pity, or bitterness—they were instead filled with the usual jokes and ironic comments that Dana is known for. Some days, Dana could not even breathe without the assistance of a ventilator, but she never complained. She was always more concerned with everyone else's lives. Dana also never gave up hope. After moving to North Carolina two years ago, she became licensed in that state, even though she knew she would probably never practice again. She even kept up with her continuing education credits. The Class of '99 has lost a truly special classmate.

Dana is survived by her mother, Lorraine Marina; her father, Walter W. Frederick; her sister, Nicole Hathaway; and her dogs, Raquet, Puck, and Summer. Contributions in her memory may be made to The Myositis Foundation, 1233 20th Street, NW #402, Washington, DC, 20036 (www.myositis.org) or to Capital Animal Care, P.O. Box 41112, Arlington, VA, 22204 www.petfinder.org/shelters/va146.html.

—Jen Morris, V'99

Sue Adams, 65, passed away on April 1, 2005. Sue came to New Bolton Center in 1979 and worked as a research administrative assistant until 1982, when she became a hospital administrator in the George D. Widener Hospital for Large Animals. In that position, Sue supervised a number of staff and organized and participated in beautification of the Hospital grounds. Sue retired in fall 2003 but returned to New Bolton Center in spring 2004 to work part-time for approximately one year.

Sue is survived by her husband, daughter, two sons, and six grandchildren. ■

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1945

Frank Strode Entwisle on January 14, 2005.

1961

Richard "Dick" McFeely on March 26, 2005.

Louis "Doc" Wasser on March 4, 2005.

1987

Donald Meredith on April 12, 2005.

1999

Dana Frederick on March 27, 2005. ■

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