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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](http://www.myositis.org)) or to Capital Animal Care, P.O. Box 41112, Arlington, VA, 22204 [www.petfinder.org/shelters/va146.html](http://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. ■

## Class Notes

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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. ■

Share news with your classmates about a new position or accomplishment, wedding, or birth announcement by sending your class note today! We accept pictures, too, featuring alumni gatherings, whether from a wedding or mini-reunion. Be sure to identify everyone in the picture. Pictures will be returned only upon request. Send all your submissions to:

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