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Television has discovered veterinarians. In a recent episode of “Seven Brides for Seven Brothers,” Molly, a young veterinarian, treats a horse with spiral fractures and hununchips in the foreleg. Of course the case is very complicated. The horse gets an infection and almost dies, but ultimately recovers due to the skills of the dedicated vet. The episode doesn’t stop there. Molly is interested in horses and has applied for internships. Yes, you guessed it, she is accepted at New Bolton Center.

“I am so happy I have to burst—I have to tell someone. I got an internship,” she gets to one of the characters on the show... “Where?” “At New Bolton Center.” “Where is that?” “At the University of Pennsylvania.” “For how long?” “Two years.”

That creates a problem. One of the brothers is rather fond of Molly and does not want to see her leave. But in true TV fashion, all is resolved and he approves of Molly’s going to New Bolton Center.

The space in front of VHUP has been enlivened by the addition of a large sculpture, “The Lifesavers,” which was donated to the Veterinary School by art patrons Philip and Muriel Berman of Allentown, PA. In accepting the gift Dean Robert R. Marshak said, “We hope it will lift the spirits of our clients as it adorns the hospital entrance with a distinctive piece of contemporary art.”

Mr. and Mrs. Berman were recipients of the Hazlitt Award which Governor Richard Thornburgh presented in recognition of their achievements as “Patrons of the Arts.” “The Lifesavers” is the work of sculptor Billy Lawless. It measures 8 feet long, by 7½ feet wide, by 10 feet high, and is constructed of plate steel painted red, yellow, green, and black. The elements of the sculpture present a different appearance from every angle, enticing the viewer to walk around the piece.

The Centennial Year

It is not too early to begin to make preparations for our 100th anniversary in 1984. This will be a year-long celebration featuring a number of outstanding events. Dr. Donald E. Patterson is chairman of the Centennial Committee and Dr. John E. Martin is director of the newly established Centennial Office which will coordinate and implement the various events. Former Dean, Dr. Mark Alam, is honorary chairman. Among other events, the Centennial Year will feature a University Convocation to award honorary degrees, a two-day scientific program, and a gala ball. In the next issue of Bulletin we will list a complete calendar for the year. If you have questions about the Centennial Year, please contact Dr. Martin at (215) 898-3525.