Alumni Day Announcement
Scholarship Program in Veterinary Public Service Established

Robert F. Fairchild, New York, NY, has established the Lois F. Fairchild Scholarship Program in Veterinary Public Service at the School of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania.

The scholarship program, in honor of Mr. Fairchild's mother who cared greatly for animals and their welfare, is the first such program in a veterinary school. It is designed to encourage veterinarians to enter the field of public practice or service as a career goal.

Mr. Fairchild's motive to establish the endowment stemmed from the blending of his family's lifelong interests, coupled with a suggestion made by the family veterinarian, who commented that "the veterinary profession needs to attract young people to public service, where their skills are critically needed." During their lives, his father was deeply committed to education, while his mother was devoted to animals. Mr. Fairchild, as an alumnus of The College of Arts and Sciences, has close ties with the University.

The endowment, which comes from the estate of Mr. Edgar W. B. Fairchild, provides for tuition aid for one junior and one senior student who have a strong commitment to public service. Scholarship recipients are required to practice in the public sector for at least one year following graduation. Areas of employment include such diverse areas as epidemiology/public health; direct animal care for animal welfare, is the first such program in a veterinary school.

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From the Dean

Each year individual, as well as societal perceptions of the world around us change; it has been argued that "perception is reality." Not having made major change in society is our perception of our relationship with animals. Just as we have become more aware of our environment, more accepting of other cultures and norms, and more willing to challenge dogma and the status quo, so too have we focused on our responsibilities toward animals.

The following is a quotation from a recent report of a working party for the Council for Science and Society in Great Britain. The quotation is found in a M's operation. "Animals in Society," published by the Oxford University Press (1988).

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Proposed State Funding Cuts

Governor Casey's proposed reduction in the University's state appropriation has forced Penn to plan adjustments in its FY '92 budget, University President Hackney said. The adjustments, he announced, mean postponement of new construction and renovation, some reduction in faculty and staff, and a tuition increase a bit larger than planned.

The governor proposed a 49 percent cut—$18.6 million—in Penn's FY '92 appropriation, which was to have been $37.6 million. "The risk to the University is real and it requires important programmatic and financial choices. But above all, the academic mission and quality of the University must be preserved," Hackney outlined Penn's plan to accommodate the proposed appropriations cut. At least 300

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Strategy to Manage the Proposed FY 1992 Appropriation Cut

- Total cut $18,602,000
- Unrelated, Excluded in Reallocations of School and Centers

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