

vmas president's letter

As I begin my second year as your Veterinary Medical Alumni Society president, I am excited about Penn Vet's positive advancements and forward movement. We have much to be proud of as we embark on a time when the School is expanding into exciting new spaces and initiatives on campus.

I am also delighted to announce the appointment of **Coreen Haggerty** as your new director of alumni relations. Formerly special events coordinator for the School, Coreen brings experience in volunteer cultivation, board development and continuing education to her new role, as well as much enthusiasm in the support of veterinary medicine. I want to personally thank **Dori Myers**, major gifts officer for the School, who has graciously served with patience and skill as an interim alumni officer. By separating the annual giving function from the Alumni Relations position, we can look forward to a robust alumni program with new opportunities for us to have meaningful input with the School and Penn. A strategic plan is currently being discussed, and I look forward to your ideas in the coming months.

If you have not already registered, I encourage you to sign up for our Alumni Weekend on October 6 and 7 at the Philadelphia campus! We have much to highlight and as alumni, we will be treated to a first look at the new Vernon and Shirley Hill Pavilion. The building is scheduled to open in December 2006, and our Alumni Weekend is its kick-off event.

Please join me on Friday evening, October 6, at the Inn at Penn for the first Alumni Weekend reception and dinner with **Dr. Joan Hendricks, V'79, GR'80**, at her first Alumni Weekend as the Gilbert S. Kahn Dean of

Veterinary Medicine. **Dr. R. O. Davies**, professor of physiology, will discuss the construction of the Hill Pavilion, the first building first building on the Philadelphia campus since the 1980s.

I also invite you to bring your families to our alumni picnic on Saturday, October 7. Many events are scheduled for kids, and you will be offered the first official tour of the Hill Pavilion by faculty and students.

If you are not able to join us in October, please stay connected with your classmates through the Alumni Society's *free* electronic communications system. By logging onto this secure on-line community, you will be immediately connected to your entire class. To sign up, contact Coreen Haggerty at haggertc@vet.upenn.edu or 215-898-1481. If you are already a member, type vmdclassofXXXX@lists.vet.upenn.edu (simply replace the Xs with your class year).

In closing, I remain confident that as alumni, we have much to offer and accomplish for our School. I encourage you to share your thoughts with me, or join us at the next event or Veterinary Medical Alumni Society meeting. We hope to see you next month!

—MARILYN WEBER, V'75



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