

Teaching and Research Building News

By the fall of 2006, the southwestern gateway to the University's campus changes. At that time faculty, students, and researchers will move into the Veterinary School's Teaching and Research Building at the confluence of University, Baltimore, and Woodland Avenues. The Veterinary School, and its new building designed by the Polshek Partnership of New York City, will buttress one side of this new gateway through which thousands of cars pass every day.

While more than \$46 million is in hand, the School is moving ahead on its fund-raising campaign to raise the remaining funds needed to begin construction—perhaps as much as another \$8 million. “The final cost of the building will be known once cost estimation is complete,” says Mark Stuart, assistant dean for development. “We do have a good sense from other Penn building projects of our costs per square foot. The original feasibility study called for a \$48 million price tag, but with rising construction costs and inflation over the last three years, that previous estimate could not hold.”

Fund-raising highlights

To date, faculty, staff, and alumni have “reserved” close to 160 seats in the building's two classrooms. The next *Bellwether* will list the donors to the “Reserve A Seat” campaign. This issue



The Teaching and Research Building site is bounded by University, Woodland and Baltimore Avenues.

includes a pamphlet so that our friends have an opportunity to participate.” This is most likely the single best faculty and staff fund-raising campaign ever for a Penn school in terms of participation and total dollars pledged,” says Stuart.

Adding to a previous gift of \$500,000, the **Allerton Foundation** made another commitment of \$120,000, making the foundation one of the largest contributors to the building effort so far. “Private family foundations have been very generous to the School. More than \$4 million have been given or pledged, to date, by these organizations. Many of them came to know the School through contact as NBC or Ryan Hospital clients. Their generosity will ensure that we educate the next generation of talented, skilled veterinarians in the best possible environment for teaching and learning,” says Stuart.

The trust established through the estate of **Anna Oswald** has

contributed almost \$100,000 to the Teaching and Research Building through monthly distributions.

One of the members of the School's Board of Overseers, **Robert F. Fairchild, C'64**, of New York City, and president of the House of Burgundy, recently committed \$100,000 toward the addition of a “smart” classroom. This teaching space will have the latest electronics for classes of up to 20 students as well as group study sessions. A special feature of this space will be video connection to New Bolton Center and in particular, the Fairchild Aquaculture Building. “Bob's gift allows us to bridge the 37 miles that divide our two campuses through the latest in conferencing technology. Students and faculty can remain in their respective locations instead of making a two-hour roundtrip. This enables us to offer greater contact between students and faculty on both campuses,” reports Dean Kelly.

Veterinary School Buildings in Philadelphia



Quadrangle Building
1907



Gladys Hall Rosenthal Building
1963



Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
1981